## STANDARD INSTALLATION TOPIC EXCHANGE SERVICE

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#### RELOCATION INFORMATION FOR

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#### Installation

#### **Installation Overview**

For more information on this subject: Fort Bliss Homepage http://www.bliss.army.mil

Fort Bliss is the home of the Air Defense Artillery Center of Excellence and is responsible for air defense artillery training of U.S. soldiers and various allied nation soldiers. It also the home of seven Forces Command warfighting units - the 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade, the 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, the 204th MI Battalion, and the 978th Military Police Company.

With 1.1 million acres, this post is bigger than the state of Rhode Island and can accommodate every weapon system in the Army. Excellent ranges and training area, coupled with the third longest runway in the nation, make Fort Bliss a premiere facility for training, mobilization and deploying combat forces.

Name: Commander, USAADACENFB
POC: ATTN: ATZC-CG

Address: 1733 Pleasonton Road City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916-5000 Phone: SDNCO DSN 978-1501

**Comments:** 

Welcome to Fort Bliss

- 1. Welcome to Fort Bliss and the Air Defense Center of Excellence! Fort Bliss has a long and distinctive past. Established in 1848, Fort Bliss is one of the oldest Army posts in the United States. During its celebrated history, Fort Bliss served as an infantry post, a cavalry post, and today serves as the premier Air Defense Artillery Center in the world, leading our Army into the 21st Century. Fort Bliss is the largest American military installation on a U.S. international border, contributing over \$1.7 billion annually to the regional economy. A close partnership between Fort Bliss and El Paso has existed since the first soldiers arrived here in 1848 and remains strong today.
- 2. Fort Bliss is home to U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery School and the 6th Air Defense Artillery Training Brigade; the 32nd Army Air Missile Defense Command; and the 11th, 31st, 35th, and 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigades. It is also home to the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, the 204th MI Battalion, William Beaumont Army Medical Center and Joint Task Force Six.
- 3. Our primary mission is to prepare Air Defenders to fight and win our Nation's wars. Additionally, we are poised to support worldwide deployments through our designation as one of the Army's elite power projection platforms. Fort Bliss also serves as a major mobilization site for Reserve and National Guard forces upon their call to duty. Since the tragic events of 11 Sep 01, over 1,500 Reservists and National Guardsmen have mobilized here in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.
- 4. The exciting missions of Fort Bliss, coupled with our commitment to high quality service, marks your arrival as a special event. Your first stop at Fort Bliss will be the Welcome Center, located in Building 505 on Pershing Road. The Welcome Center is available to assist you and your family seven days a week from 0600-2400 hrs. Should you arrive between midnight and 0600 hrs, report directly to the Fort Bliss Inn located at 1744 Victory Avenue.

5. The enclosed packet contains information on inprocessing, as well as services and activities available on Fort Bliss and in the surrounding El Paso community. While assigned to Fort Bliss, I urge you to take advantage of the many leisure time activities offered in the local area and to grow both personally and professionally.

#### WELCOME TO FORT BLISS!

STANLEY E. GREEN Major General, USA Commanding Name: Director, Community Services

**POC:** Nancy S. Piper **Address:** Building 2494

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX 79916-6816

**Phone:** CM (915) 568-1132/4614 DSN 978-

1132/4614

**FAX:** CM (915) 568-4357 DSN 978-4357

**Comments:** 

Dear Newcomer:

On behalf of everyone here at Fort Bliss Community Services, I would like to welcome you and your family to Fort Bliss. As you may have noticed, this packet contains a wealth of information about Fort Bliss as well as many of the services offered by Community Services. Listed below are a few of the areas in which we may be of assistance to you and your family:

Community Information and Referral, Family Advocacy, Parenting classes, Financial Management Classes, Budgeting Counseling, Emergency Financial Assistance, Welcome Packets for inprocessing personnel, Standard Installation Topic exchange Service (SITES), World-wide information, Travel and route maps, Lending Closet, and Volunteer Services . If you should ever need assistance in these areas or have a problem with which you are confronted while you are at Fort Bliss, please call us at (915) 568-4614/1132, or DSN 978-1132.

If you find you have some free time and would be interested in helping other military families as a Community Services volunteer, please call us and we will be happy to help you locate a volunteer position that is right for you. We provide free child care for Community Services volunteers.

Again, we welcome you and hope that your stay at Fort Bliss will be very enjoyable.

Sincerely, Nancy S. Piper Director, Community

Services

Name: Enlisted Strength/Assignments Division

**Address:** Building 500 **City:** Fort Bliss, TX 79916 **Phone:** (915) 568-1310/4510 **DSN Phone:** 978-4510/1310

#### **Comments:**

Enlisted soldiers who have received general orders to report to the Air Defense Artillery Center may contact Enlisted Assignments and will usually find out which Air Defense Brigade they will be assigned to. This can be a big help in sponsorship.

Name: Fort Bliss/El Paso Web Pages

POC: Sandra Jackson, Relo Manager

City: Fort Bliss, TX

Phone: (915) 568-6291

FAX: (915) 568-4357

DSN Phone: 978-6291

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#### WWW Link:

http://trol.redstone.army.mil/acs/virtual/virtual\_acs.html

#### **Comments:**

For quick access to Fort Bliss, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, the USA Sergeants Major Academy, or the El Paso area please visit the "Virtual Army Community Service" website and visit the Fort Bliss links under "Destination Information" on the second floor. You will find 12 active links providing up-to-date military and civilian information

Name: Sponsorship for PCSing Soldiers

#### **Comments:**

Soldiers desiring a sponsor to assist them upon arrival at Fort Bliss must first go to their PAC and submit a DA Form 5434, Sponsorship Program Counseling and Information Sheet. This sheet is then mailed to:

Commander USAADACENFB ATTN: ATZC-AGP-MA

Building 500

Fort Bliss, TX 79916

DO NOT MAIL THE FORM TO COMMUNITY SERVICES. WE DO NOT ASSIGN SPONSORS!

Information on the Total Army Sponsorship Program can be found in AR 600-8-8

Remember, the DA Form 5434 is the "trigger" that sets into motion all support mechanisms that the Total Army Sponsorship Program can muster to help relocating personnel.

#### **Must Know Items**

For more information on this subject: Fort Bliss Homepage http://www.bliss.army.mil

Fort Bliss is located in the center of El Paso, off Interstate 10 on US Highway 54 (Patriot Freeway). Personnel arriving via US 54 should enter the base from the west side at the Cassidy Gate, which is a 24-hour gate. Personnel arriving via I-10 East should exit I-10 at US 54 to Cassidy. Personnel arriving via I-10 West should follow the Fort Bliss signs and exit at Airway Blvd and enter the base from the east side at the Robert E. Lee gate.

Once on base, follow the signs to the Welcome Center/Personnel Processing Center for inprocessing. Inprocessing is conducted at the centralized Personnel Processing Center in building 505 on Pershing Road. The building is open until 2400, Monday through Friday. During duty hours please follow the procedures below. On weekends and after 2400 hours daily, please report to the Fort Bliss Inn to sign in and get temporary lodging until you inprocess.

Inprocessing Procedures:

Officers: Officer/WO permanent party should report to building 505 during duty hours. After duty hours report to the Ft. Bliss in and get and information packet or call 568-3035.

Enlisted Permanent Party: Single enlisted soldiers should report to building 505. Married accompanied soldier sshould report to the Fort Bliss Inn, building 1744, on Victory Avenue, which is located by the main Post Exchange area near the Fred Wilson Gate. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-723-8130 or DSN 978-6078.

USASMA Students: USASMA students should report to A Company at building 11293, Biggs Army Air Field during duty hours, and to the SDNCO at building 11291 after duty hours.

USASMA Permanent Party: USASMA permanent party report to building 11291 during and after duty hours.

WBAMC: WBAMC personnel report to building 7304 (WBAMC Troop Command) during duty hours and to 3rd floor WBAMC (Hospital) after duty hours for transportation to baracks.

OBC Students: OBC students will be assigned to B/4-6 ADA located in building 2. Report to building 500 during duty hours or to building 1744, on Victory Avenue, which is located by the main Post Exchange after duty hours.

OAC Students: OAC students will be assigned to HQ/A 4-6 ADA located in building 2. Report to building 500 during duty hours or to building 1744, on Victory Avenue, which is located by the main Post Exchange area near the Fred Wilson Gate after duty hours.

Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) students report to building 500 during duty hours or to the Ft. Bliss Inn after duty hours.

- -140A Command and Control Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) students are assigned to 2-6 ADA.
- -140E Patriot Missile System Technician Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) students are assigned to 3-6 ADA
- -Warrant Officer Advanced Course (WOAC) students are assigned to HQ/A 4-6 ADA.

Initial training AIT Students: Initial training AIT students report to 1-56 ADA in building 1010 or call 568-7200.

Reclassification AIT Students: Reclassification students will be assigned to D/1-56 ADA. After duty hours report to building 1010 or call 568-7200. Married students should coordinate temporary lodging with the Fort Bliss Inn. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-723-8130 or DSN 978-6078

Upon securing billeting after hours or on the weekend, in-processing for all permanent party enlisted soldiers begins at 0630 the next day at building 505. THE INPROCESSING UNIFORM IS BDU'S. You will need the following documents: 201 File, Health and Dental Records, DA-31 Leave Form, and 10 copies of PCS orders and amendments. Soldiers are advised to eat prior to arrival.

#### Temporary Lodging:

The Inn at Fort Bliss, 1744 Victory Ave, 1-800-723-8130 or DSN 978-6078. the Inn has 154 guest rooms, featuring 104 kitchenette units with a microwave and refrigerator. All rooms feature remote control cable color TV, in-room direct dial phones, full bath with tub/shower,in-room coffeemaker and individually controlled air-conditioning/heat unit. Kids stay free. Pets are not permitted at the Inn. Statements of non-availability will not be issued solely becasue of pets. The Uncle Bao's Szechwan Cuisine Restaurant is located off the main lobby, serving lunch, and dinner. The Inn is open 24 hours daily. Free Transportation is available to and from the El Paso airport and Biggs Army Airfield for anyone staying at the Inn. Call the front desk at 565-7777 to arrange for this free transportation or for more information on the shuttle service.

Armed Services YMCA Residence Inn, 7060 Comington St, El Paso, (915) 562-8461. The ASYMCA is located just outside Fort Bliss. The ASYMCA Residence Inn has 52 spacious rooms with private baths. Some units contain kitchenettes and microwaves. Breakfast and lunch are available. Pets are welcome and stay free. Complete child care facilities are available on site. Open to active duty, retirees, and civilian veterans. Open 24 hours.

Billeting Office: The Billeting Office is consolidated with the Inn at Fort Bliss located in building 1744 on Victory Ave, 1-800-723-8130 or DSN 978-6078. The Billeting office is open 24 hours to provide temporary military lodging with 13 distinguished visitor units and 836 visiting quarters. The Billeting

Office now provides free transportation to and from the El Paso airport and Biggs Army Airfield for anyone staying at the Inn. Call the billeting front desk at 565-7777 to arrange for this free transportation or for more information on the shuttle service.

Fort Bliss RV Park and Campground, building 4130, 568-0106. The Fort Bliss RV park islocated in the scenic foothills of the Franklin Mountains, off the Patriot Freeway. The facility is open to active duty, retirees, Reservists, national Gaurd, and DoD employees. The cost varies, depending on how long you plan to stay. For a day it cost \$13, a week \$78, and the tent area \$5. If you are 62 years old or older, you qualify for a Golden Age Passport (GAP) discount. To qualify for the GAP you must have a retired military or DoD ID card. Pets are allowed, but must follow special rules. The park also offers level concrete pads, barbecue grills, and picnic tables at each site. Pavillians, full bath facilities, 24-hour laundry facilities, kitchette in family room and RV storage are also availabe. The park is complete with storage area for RV/trailors, boats, etc. The rate for monthly storage is \$20 on a first come first served basis. Hours of operation: 0800-1600 M-F, 0800-1530 Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.

Schools: The El Paso Independent School district is located at 6531 Boeing the main phone number is (915)779-3781. However, military members are strongly encouraged to contact Mary Avila, the Ft. Bliss School Liaison Officer, at (915)568-9306 for assistance in enrolling their children in school. Mrs. Avila is available Monday thru Friday from 0730-1630 (Mountain Time). The El Paso Independent School District schedule for 2002-2003 school year was adopted by the Board of Trustees on 9 April 2002. It states the first day of the 2002-2003 school year will be 12 August 2002. The Fall Semester ends on 20 December. The Spring semester begins on 08 January 2003 and ends on 23 May 2003. The Winter Holiday will be from 23 December 2002- 08 January 2003. The Spring Holiday will be from 17-21 March 2003.

Graduation Requirements: Students are required to complete 24 credits for Graduation. These Credits must be comprised of the following core requirements: English-4.0 credits; Mathematics-3.0 credits; Science-3.0 credits; Social Studies-4.0 credits; Physical Education-1.5 credits; Health-.5 credit; Speech-.5 credit; Foreign Language- 2.0 credits; Technology Applications (Computer Science)-1.0 credit; Fine Arts- 1 credit. The preceeding are core courses the remaining credits will

be made up of electives. Students are required to pass the TAAS Test prior to graduating. These examinations are Writing, Reading, and Mathematics. The test is administered once in the tenth grade, three times in the eleventh grade, and three times in the twelfth grade. Students meet this requirement for graduation the first time they pass the tests.

Getting your Child Enrolled in School: Certified Copy of Birth Certificate (for kindergarten registration the child must have turned 5 on or before September 1 of the year in which he or she will be enrolled in Kindergarten)

Social Security Card; Health and Immunization Records; Report Card/Withdrawal Form from previous school attended; Proof of Residency (Quarters assignment letter or lease agreement); Special Education Information/Gifted and Talented documentation.

Pre-kindergarten programs are offered at elementary schools. In order to be eligible, your child must be four years of age on or before September 1; limited English proficient or qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

Special Education Programs: If the comprehensive individual assessment shows that a student has one or more of the following conditions, he/she is eligible to receive special education services under the "Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). In Texas, students are given one of the following labels: Physical Disability; Auditory Impairment; Visual Impairment; Deaf-Blind; Mental Retardation; Emotional Disturbance: Non-Categorical Early Childhood; Learning Disability; Speech Impairment; Autism; Multiple Disabilities; Traumatic Brain Injury. If the comprehensive individual assessment shows that the student does not have at least one of these conditions, he or she is not eligible for special education under the IDEA. However, he or she may be eligible for services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Extended Hours Care: The Youth Services Center hours of operation are from 1700-2000 on Weekdays; from 1300-2000 on Saturdays and on School Outdays from 1300-2000. School Age Services hours of operation are from 0530-1800 during the summer and 0530-1830 during school outdays. On school days they are available from 1530-1800. The Family Child Care office can be contacted at 568-4198 if care is needed at other hours. The Child and Youth Services central registration office can be contacted by calling (915)568-4374.

Weather: Fort Bliss is located in the desert of West Texas. Summer temperatures may exceed 110 degrees. Care must be taken to avoid dehydration and sun burn. Temperatures are moderate during the fall. Winters are mild with occassional snow that rapidly

melts off. Sustained spring winds of 20-50 mph blowing from early March into mid-April may bring sand storms, vehicle damage, very limited visibility, and cause health problems for people with allergies or respiratory problems.

#### **Must Know Items**

	Installation
Site Name	
	Fort Bliss
Last Updated	January 03, 2003
State/Territory	Texas
County	El Paso
ZIP Code	79916
Service	USA
Host Command	TRADOC
Physical Size	1100000
	Personnel
FSC/ACS Director	Nancy S. Piper
Relocation Assistance	V. Faith Barnes
Manager	
Relocation Assistance	
Specialist	
	Phones
DSN Country Code	
DSN Number	978-6332/6291
Commercial Country Code	
Commercial Area Code	915-
Commercial Number	568-6332/6291
FAX DSN Country Code	
FAX DSN Number	978-4357
FAX Commercial Country	
Code	
FAX Commercial Area Code	915-
FAX Commercial Number	568-4357/0268
Offi	cial Mailing Address
Street Line 1	Community Services
Street Line 2	Building 2494, Ricker Road
City	Fort Bliss
State/Territory	TX
ZIP Code	79916-6816
	eliverable Address
Street Line 1	Community Services
Street Line 2	Building 2494, Ricker Road
City	Fort Bliss
State/Territory	TX
ZIP Code	79916-6816
E-Mail	SITES4375@bliss.army.mil
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#### **Geographically Separated or Satellite Locations**

For more information on this subject:

United States Sergeants Major Academy http://bliss-usasma.army.mil

Fort Bliss supports 3 separate range camps 25-45 miles from the main post, as well as Joint Task Force

Six (JTF-6), the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA) and William Beaumont Army Medical Center (WBAMC). For information on USASMA please visit the attached Internet link. For information on WBAMC please visit their website under Medical and Dental.

**Geographically Separated or Satellite Locations** 

Satellite	Command	Distance	Associated Site Name
JTF-6	DoD	8 miles	Fort Bliss
USASMA	TRADOC	5 miles	Fort Bliss
WBAMC	MEDCOM	3 miles	Fort Bliss

## **Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)**

For more information on this subject: White Sands Missile Range http://www.wsmr.army.mil/

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), NM, an Army installation, is approximately 55 miles northeast of

Ft. Bliss. Major long range weapon testing is conducted by all services at White Sands. Holloman AFB, NM, is located approximately 90 miles north of Ft. Bliss and is home to the F117 Stealth fighter. Holloman AFB is also the primary location for all German Air Force pilot training. Kirkland AFB, NM, is located approximately 270 miles north of Ft. Bliss in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and serves as an Air Force training site.

**Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)** 

State/Country	Site Name	Service	Distance
New Mexico	Holloman AFB	USAF	80 miles
New Mexico	Kirtland Air Force Base	USAF	270 miles
New Mexico	White Sands Missile Range	USA	55 miles

#### Regulations

Traffic

Fort Bliss traffic is regulated by AR 190-5 and Center REG 190-5. Speed limits range from 10 MPH in parking areas to 35 MPH on the larger roads. The post has entry access control gates and vehicle operators are required to slow and prepare to stop when approaching any entry gate. Some traffic congestion is experienced during the traditional rush hours (morning/lunch/evening). The Mexican border is within 10 minutes of Fort Bliss and special insurance and auto documents may be required for entry into the country at the checkpoints. Standard American auto insurance will not cover autos taken into Mexico.

#### Vehicle Checks

In addition to the entrance gate checkpoints, the Commanding General has authorized random unannounced vehicle checkpoints which are conducted throughout the post by the Military Police.

Accidents

All traffic accidents on Fort Bliss are required to be reported to the Military Police who will respond to the scene.

#### Crime Prevention

The Law Enforcement Battalion Crime Prevention Section supports the Fort Bliss and El Paso communities by conducting crime prevention classes, community town meetings, lectures and by publishing crime prevention related articles in the post newspaper. In addition, the D.A.R.E. program is taught in local schools by crime prevention representatives. Crime prevention personnel also conduct inspections, technical visits, and surveys for the Fort Bliss community.

#### Restricted Areas on Post

Restricted areas vary according to the Commanding General's posting. Restricted areas are posted, well defined and entrance is permitted by special pass only. Deadly force may be authorized in highly sensitive areas.

#### Photography

Photography is allowed, unless prohibited by the specific site manager/supervisor or OIC.

Name: 76th Law Enforcement Battalion
Address: Building 117
City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 4103/1972 (PAC)
<b>DSN Phone:</b> 978-4103/1972 (PAC)
E-Mail: 76MPB@EMH10.BLISS.ARMY.MIL

Name: Vehicle/Bicycle/Weapons Registration

Address: Building 505, Pershing Road

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX 79916 **Phone:** (915) 568-1890 **DSN Phone:** 978-1890

#### **Comments:**

All vehicles must be registered on Post at building 505. Vehicles must have a valid registration (Texas or HOR) and must have a current safety inspection (Texas or HOR). Vehicles having a HOR safety inspection still must pass the Texas emissions controls test. Service members driving a vehicle must have a valid drivers license (Texas or HOR). Spouses have 30 days to convert to a Texas drivers license. Seat belts must be worn at all times while the vehicle is in operation. Children age 3 and under must be in an approved child restraint. Texas laws restrict window tinting so that Police can see the driver. Check with an approved window tinting company before tinting your windows. Keep your vehicle locked at all times in El Paso and Fort Bliss. Vehicles in the high theft category include 4x4s, SUV, PU Trucks, luxury cars and muscle cars. Anti-theft devices such as steering wheel locks and alarms are recommended. Vehicle interior temperatures will reach 150 degrees in the summer months. Leather or vinyl seats, child seats, and steering wheels may become too hot to touch. A cloth cover is recommended along with any type of reflective windshield screen while the vehicle is parked.

All bicycles on the installation must be registered at building 505. Riders must wear reflective clothing and a protective helmet.

All motorcycles operated on the installation must be registered at building 505. All operators/riders must wear helmet, long sleeves, long pants, gloves and boots, and a reflective when riding on the installation. Service members must comply with required wearing apparel even when riding off the installation.

All weapons brought onto the installation must be registered at building 505. Personal weapons may be kept in quarters. Single soldiers may store their weapons at the Rod & Gun Club or unit armory. Weapons may not be stored in barracks rooms.

#### **Commonly Referenced Numbers**

For more information on this subject: Fort Bliss Homepage http://www.bliss.army.mil The area code for the El Paso area is 915. New Mexico area code is 505. Fort Bliss commercial prefix is 568-xxxx or 569-xxxx. Fort Bliss DSN prefix is 978-xxxx or 979-xxxx. McGregor Range commercial prefix is 569-xxxx. McGregor Range

DSN prefix is 979-xxxx. William Beaumont Army Medical Center (WBAMC) commercial prefix is 569-xxxx. WBAMC DSN prefix is 979-xxxx. Installation SDNCO can be reached at 568-1428/4233/1501.

**Commonly Referenced Numbers** 

	y Referenced Numbers	Lngy
Name	Commercial	DSN
ADA School Library	(915) 568-1902	978-1902
Armed Services YMCA Hotel	(915) 562-8461	
Army Family Team Building	(915) 568-AFTB	978-AFTB
Bank, Armed Forces	(915) 562-5454	
Bank, Wells Fargo	(915) 521-4066/4071	=
Billeting	(915) 565-7777 1-800-723-	978-6078
	8130	
Cable TV (Time-Warner)	(915) 772-4422	=
Car Rental, Enterprise Rent-a-Car	(915) 562-5400/1-800 rent-	-
	a-car	
Chaplain	(915) 568-1519	978-1519
Child Development Center, Logan	(915) 568-3989	978-3989
Heights, Bldg 3500		
Child Development Center, Main	(915) 568-5709	978-5709
Civilian Personnel Assistance	(915) 568-4458/7710	978-4458/7710
Center (CPAC)		
Community Services Center,	(915) 568-4614/1132	978-4614/1132
Building 2494		
DEERS Enrollment and	(915) 569-2689	979-2689
Verification		
Defense Military Pay Office	(915) 568-2900	978-2900
(PCS)	(310) 000 2300	,, o <b>2</b> , o o
Education Center Admin Offices	(915) 568-7161	978-7161
Electric Company	(915) 543-5970	770 7101
Enlisted Strength/Assignment	(915) 568-1310/5802	978-1310/4510
Division Division	(313) 300 1310,3002	770 1310/1310
Family Advocacy Program	(915) 568-0768/1343	978-0768/1343
Financial Readiness Services	(915) 568-7088/6830	978-7088/6830
Fisher House (WBAMC)	(915) 569-1860	979-1860
Fort Bliss Federal Credit Union	(915) 562-1172	777 1000
Fort Bliss Inn	(915) 565-7777 1-800-	978-6078
Tort Bliss IIII	723-8130	770 0070
Gas Company (Natural Gas)	(915) 562-8411	
Golf Course	(915) 562-1273/2066	
Hospital Emergency	(915) 569-2331/2332	979-2331/2332
Hospital Information	(915) 569-2121	979-2331/2332
Housing Office	(915) 568-2898	978-2898
Information (Post)	(915) 568-2121	978-2898
Installation SDNCO		978-2121
Installation SDINCO	(915) 568-1428/4233/1501	
Job Information Line	(015) 568 6222	1428/4233/1501
	(915) 568-6232	978-6232
Legal Office	(915) 568-7141/6901	978-7141/6901
Mickelsen Library	(915) 568-6156/1902	978-6156/1902
Military Police	(915) 568-2115/2117	978-2115/2117
Morale, Welfare, Recreation	(915) 568-3208/3500	978-3208/3500
(MWR)	(015) 500 5400	070 5400
Post Locater, Military (During	(915) 568-5409	978-5409
Duty Hours)	(015) 569 2252	079 2252
Post Locator: Civilian	(915) 568-2252	978-2252
Post Locator: Military (After	(915) 568-1113	978-1113
Duty Hours)	(015) 560 4026	
Post Office (Ft. Bliss Annex)	(915) 562-4036	-

Red Cross (American Red Cross)	(915) 568-4898 /1-877-272- 7337	978-5085-4898
Relocation Readiness Services	(915) 568-6332/6291	978-6332/6291
SPRINT Barracks Phone Center	(915) 680-8936/562-3470	-
School Liaison Office	(915) 562-5109/ 568-8059	978-8059
Telephone Company	(915) 542-2000	
Transportation	(915) 568-7838/3667	978-7838/3667
Travel Office	(915) 566-4488	
Tri Care	(915) 680-7600	979-6700
Veterans Affairs Office	(915) 564-6100	
Veterinary Services	(915) 569-2266	979-2266
Water Company	(915) 594-5400	
Weapons Registration	(915) 568-1890	978-1890
Youth Services	(915) 568-KIDS	978-KIDS

#### **Major Unit Listing**

Commanding General, Air Defense School and Fort Bliss

MG Stanley E. Green..... (915) 568-3898

Center CSM Avery ..... (915) 568-4917

Post SDO/SDNCO...... (915) 568-1428/4233

Community Services Information and Referral (915) 568-6291/6332

On orders with only a general assignment? Contact Enlisted Strength/Assignment Division at (915) 568-4510/1310 to check on your unit assignment.

Visit the attached Website to link into the Fort Bliss Intranet Directory for detailed phone listings.

Visit the Ft. Bliss homepage to link to unit homepages.

**Major Unit Listing** 

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Unit	Command	Point of Contact	Commercial	DSN	Fax
108th ADA	(915) 568-	SDO	(915) 568-5119	978-5119	(915) 568-
Brigade	6682		(* )		2232
11th Air	(915) 568-	SDO/SDNCO	(915) 568-5843	978-5843	(915) 568-
Defense	4206	BD0/BD11C0	(713) 300 3043	770 3043	2313 (S-3)
Artillery	4200				2313 (8-3)
Brigade	(915) 569-	SDNCO	(015) 5(0, (120)	070 (070	(015) 5(0
204th MI BN		SDNCO	(915) 568-6120	979-6078	(915) 568-
	6066	221722	(0.1.5) 5.10.5000	.=	6073 (S-3)
31st ADA Bde	(915) 568- 2062	SDNCO	(915) 568-2009	978-2009	(915) 568- 2978
32d Army Air	(915) 568-	HHB 1SG	(915) 568-7266	978-7266	(915) 568-
Missile Defense	2505				4153
Command					
35th Air	(915) 568-	SDNCO	(915) 569-	978-7139/7140	(915) 568-
Defense	7128		7139/7140	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	7379
Artillery	,120		, 10,7,7110		10.7
Brigade					
6th Air Defense	(915) 568-	SDNCO	(915) 568-4607	978-4607	(915) 568-
	2550	SDINCO	(213) 300-4007	210 <del>-4</del> 001	3340
Artillery	2330				3340
Brigade	7.60.2404	GG) 1, 5,00	(015) 560 2020	070 2020	5.00.0000
76th MP Bn	568-2404	CSM 568-	(915) 568-3830	978-3830	568-2023
		3830			
ADATD ADA	(915) 568-	1SG	(915) 568-5443	978-5443	(915) 568-
Test Directorate	4910				4048
DENTAC	(915) 568- 5001	SDNCO	(915) 568-5616	978-5616	
German Air	(915) 568-	Duty Office	(915) 568-6508	978-6508	
Force Air	3405	(After Hours)	(* - )		
Defense School	3 103	(Fine Hours)			
(GAFADS)					
German Air	(915) 568-	S-1 Personnel	(915) 568-5506	987-5506	
Force	3180	Officer	(913) 300-3300	767-3300	
Command	3180	Officer			
	(015) 560	100	(015) 560 7410	070.7410	(015) 560
HHB USAADC	(915) 568-	1SG	(915) 568-7412	978-7412	(915) 568-
	1141				6504
Joint Task	(915) 568-	PAO	(915) 568-8789	978-8740	
Force Six (JTF-	8740				
6)					
Military	(915) 568-		(915) 568-3505	978-3505	
Entrance	3505				
Processing					
Station (MEPS)					
Patriot Training	(915) 568-	1SG	(915) 568-2278	978-2278	(915) 568-
Intermediate	2276		` ′		5117
Maint					
US Army	(915) 568-	SGM	(915) 568-4202	978-4202	(915) 568-
Defense	3898	55171	(713) 300 4202	770 1202	0697
Artillery School	3070				0077
	(015) 500	CDNCO	(015) 560 0001	070 0001	
US Army	(915) 568-	SDNCO	(915) 568-8081	978-8081	
Sergeants Major	8292				
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USACAS	(915) 569-	S-1 (915)	(915) 569-4408	979-4408	(915) 569-

(McGregor	0011	569-4408			9292
Range)					
USMC/USN	(915) 568-	First Sergeant	(915) 568-6094	978-6094	
Detachment	5902				
WBAMC	(915) 569-	Troop	(915) 569-2927	979-2927	
	2201	Command			
		PAC			

#### **Transportation**

El Paso is the transportation hub for all of the South West United States. Interstate Highway I-10 bi-sects the city providing easy travel coast to coast. US Highway 54 provides easy travel to the North into New Mexico or on to the Midwest. AMTRAK rail service is available as major railroads service the city. The El Paso International Airport provides easy air access to locations in the United States and Central America, as well as connections world-wide.

Sun Metro, the city bus service, has routes which service main Fort Bliss, with convenient stops at the PX and Commissary. Taxi service is available with at the PX with rate fees regulated for trips across the Post.

With major highways criss-crossing the city, it is easy to travel from one location to another, either by POV, city bus, trolley, or taxi.

Name: AMTRAK National Rail Passenger Service
Address: 700 San Francisco Avenue
City: El Paso, TX 79901
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 545-2247/1-800-872-7245

Name: Sun Metro Bus City: El Paso, TX Phone: (915) 533-3333

#### **Comments:**

Route #7 travels from North East El Paso through Ft. Bliss including stops at the PX and Commissary and then visits two major shopping malls enroute to the Lower Valley.. Route #31 travels to/from the downtown area and includes stops at the PX and Commissary.

Name: The El Paso - Juarez Trolley Company
Address: El Paso Civic Center
City: El Paso, TX
Phone: (915) 544-0061
Comments:

The El Paso - Juarez Trolley Company provides a safe and economical way to visit Juarez. The "Border Jumper", a red & green trolley leaves hourly from El Paso Convention and Civic Center on Santa Fe Street for a trip across the border into Ciudad Juarez. You set your own pace with

regularly scheduled pickup points along the route. Stay as long as you like, making your way by trolley through Mexico's 4th largest city, seeing all the sights and attractions Ciudad Juarez offers.

#### **Commissary and Exchange Operations**

The Fort Bliss community is serviced by a top notch PX and newly renovated Commissary. The "PX-tra" provides the Furniture Store, Garden Shop, Outdoor Equipment, and Sporting Goods. There are also shoppettes, gas stations, barber and beauty shops and concessionaires on base. Grand Opening for the Brand New PX was held in November 2000, providing patrons with a new, greatly enlarged PX with a much larger selection of items to chose from. All patrons must present a Military ID for entrance. Military personnel may sign-in immediate family members who are visiting from out of town.

The Commissary provides first rate shopping opportunities for the military community, and includes fresh fruit, vegetables, fish market, and complete bakery. WIC coupons and Community Services Emergency Food vouchers are accepted. During lunch hours military in uniform have priority to speed them back to their units.

The PX Shopping Center has a wide variety of stores such as Mexican Imports, Optical Shop with Optomitrist, Vitamin Store, and the list goes on. If you are hungry and in the mood for pizza, sandwiches or Mexican food the Food Court offers a wide variety of choices.

Both the Commissary and PX are open 7 days a week for customer convenience.

Name: AAFES

**Address:** Building 1611

City: Fort Bliss

**Phone:** (915) 562-7200

**Comments:** 

The main exchange is open Monday-Saturday from 0900-2100 and on Sunday from 0900-1900.

Name: AAFES Administrative Office

Address: Bldg 55 City: Fort Bliss, TX Phone: (915) 562-9551

Name: AAFES Main Post Exchange

**Address:** Building 1611 **City:** Fort Bliss, TX 79906 **Phone:** (915) 562-7200

#### WWW Link:

https://thor.aafes.com/ics/index.asp?loc=https://odin.aafes.com/bases/index.asp

#### **Comments:**

Everything that AAFES does or intends to do is in support of the AAFES MISSION. That mission, as embodied in AR 60-10/AFJI 34-211, has remained unchanged since its inception:

To provide quality merchandise and services of necessity and convenience to authorized patrons at uniformly low prices AND to generate reasonable earnings to supplement appropriated funds for support of Army and Air Force Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs.

To complement our mission, we have adopted the AAFES VISION of what we will strive to be in the future:

To be our customers first choice by providing high quality goods and services at low prices and at the lowest cost.

Our MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY is based on the enduring principles that form the basis of our success and describe how we will realize our vision while fulfilling our mission. The underlying theme of this philosophy is:

"A part of your benefits a part of your life"

Through Value, Service and Support

Name: AAFES Personnel Office
Address: Building 55
City: Fort Bliss, TX 79906

**Phone:** (915) 562-8851

Name: Commissary
Address: Building 1717
City: Fort Bliss, TX 79906
Phone: (915) 568-4022

WWW Link:

http://www.commissaries.com/stores/html/store.cfm?dodaac=hqcmcw

#### **Comments:**

The commissary is open Monday-Saturday from 0700-2000 and Sunday from 0900-1800.

#### Our Mission

... is to ensure military readiness and retention of quality personnel by providing a valuable part of the military compensation package, which enhances quality of life through a worldwide commissary system (294 stores) for the resale of groceries and household supplies to authorized patrons.

Name: DPP Toll Free Number

**Phone:** 1-800-826-1317

Name: Enterprise Rent-a-Car

Address: Building 1742, Victory Road

City: Fort Bliss, TX 79906

Phone: 1-800-rent-a-car or (915) 562-5400 WWW Link: http://www.enterprise.com

#### **Comments:**

Enterprise Rent-a-Car has the car rental consession on base. They are located conveniently within the PX/Fort Bliss Inn complex next to the Marshall

Name: Haan Shoppette/Class Six/Video

Rental/Pump Island
Address: Bldg 1610
City: Fort Bliss, TX

Name: Military Clothing Sales

Address: Bldg 1611
City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-2880/0386/6607

Name: Military Equipment Rental/Furniture Rental

Address: Bldg 198
City: Fort Bliss, TX
Phone: (915) 565-8473

Name: Sprint Barracks Phone Center

Address: Bldg 505

City: Fort Bliss, TX 79906

**Phone:** (915) 680-8936/562-3470

**Comments:** 

The Barracks Phone Center is conveniently located in the Welcome Center, Bldg 505 on Pershing Road.

Name: Western Union
Address: Inside Main PX

**Phone:** 562-7200

#### **Local Community**

#### **Local Community Overview**

Welcome to the Lone Star State! You will find Texans are friendly folks with a strong sense of pride and duty. We know the best way to keep peace in our world is to keep America strong and ready to defend our freedom. That is why Texans are especially proud of our long association with the military, an association that has spanned our state's history.

El Paso is a very large spread-out city with a mountain range separating the east and west side's. There are a total of 248 square miles in the area, making El Paso the fourth largest city in the state and the 22nd largest in the country in terms of physical size.

El Paso has a population of about 650,000. It is also one of the fastest growing cities in the country. El Paso's sister city, Ciudad Juarez Mexico, has roughly 1.2 million people. The two cities combined have the largest international border population in the world.

El Paso-Juarez metropolitan complex numbers over 1.8 million people; and the year 1981 marked four centennials - the four-hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the first Spaniards; the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Ysleta and Socorro missions; the two-hundredth of the order establishing the presidio of San Elizario in its present Texas location; and the one-hundredth of the coming of the railroads.

Name: Apartment Blue Book

**POC:** Sonja Scanlan

Address: 4150 Rio Bravo-Suite 121

City: El Paso, TX 79902

Phone: 1-800-222-3651 (915) 771-0705

FAX: (915) 532-8998

WWW Link: http://www.abbonline.com

#### **Comments:**

Contact the Apartment Blue Book folks to receive a free color booklet showing local apartment availability and locations. Nice color pics!

Name: Apartment Guide

**POC:** Vivian M. Frietze

Address: 1200 Golden Key Circle, Ste. A-327

**City:** El Paso, TX 79925 **Phone:** (915) 594-7467 **FAX:** (915) 594-8454

WWW Link: http://www.apartmentguide.com

#### **Comments:**

The Greater El Paso Apartment Guide provides information on over 100 apartment complexes across El Paso. It lists prices and amenities along with general locations.

Name: Apartment Hunting in El Paso?

**POC:** Springstreet.com

WWW Link: http://www.springstreet.com

#### **Comments:**

This website will permit you to search for apartments in El Paso and the surrounding area based on location, cost, and ammenities.

Name: Bank: Armed Forces Bank

Address: 1720 Marshall Road

PO Box 6555

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX 79906 **Phone:** (915) 562-5454

WWW Link: http://afbank.com

Proximity to site: On Base and in the PX

#### **Comments:**

Armed Forces Bank has branches at military installations world-wide.

Armed Forces Bank, a national bank with total assets in excess of \$330,000,000, specializes in military banking and has served active military, retired military, and civilians since 1907. True to its motto "Your Hometown Bank Around The World," customers can bank, worldwide, by phone, mail, and automated teller machines (ATMs). The bank provides easy and affordable access to its services through toll-free customer service numbers, a tollfree 24-hour automated account information line, and through the major ATM networks. Customers receive competitive loan rates and, in many cases, same day loan approval. As a result, Armed Forces Bank has customers in each of the 50 states, in foreign countries, and on many U.S. ships. In addition, Armed Forces Bank has opened fullservice branches inside the Main Exchange on installations throughout the United States. These branches offer 7 day-a-week banking and are open during Exchange business hours. The bank's goal is to provide individualized personal service that meets the needs of its customers wherever they are stationed around the world.

Name: Bank: Fort Bliss Federal Credit Union

Address: 1741 Marshall Road City: Fort Bliss, TX 79906

**Phone:** (915) 562-1172 **E-Mail:** cumail@fbfcu.org

WWW Link: http://www.fbfcu.org

Proximity to site: On Base and in the Community

#### **Comments:**

The Fort Bliss Federal Credit Union has 3 El Paso locations, 2 Las Cruces locations, and 15 ATM locations across El Paso and Las Cruces.

The reason why the credit union was created, and why it continues to exist today, is to serve it's members. The volunteers and staff at Fort Bliss FCU firmly believe that this commitment to serve, combined with the uniqueness of providing this service to a defined group of individuals, is what gives the credit union it's competitive advantage.

By being dedicated to serving the financial needs of a select and common few, the credit union has developed an understanding of it's members and their financial needs that far exceeds any other financial, institution. This monopolistic understanding of the membership and their financial needs is what separates the credit union from the rest.

#### Mission Statement

A mission statement serves as the corner stone for defining the existence and purpose of the credit union. In addition, it serves as a motivational force for the staff of the credit union and is used as a guide in their decision making. With this in mind, the board of directors adopted the following mission statement to guide the credit union and it's staff toward the future.

To Serve and Satisfy Our Members

Name: Bank: Wells Fargo Bank

Address: Terry Allen Center City: Fort Bliss, TX 79906

**Phone:** (915) 532-9922 **FAX:** (915) 521-4075

WWW Link: http://www.wellsfargo.com

**Proximity to site:** On base and across the city

#### **Comments:**

Men and women in the Armed Services -- and their families -- need and expect an especially high level of financial services. At Wells Fargo Banking we understand the need clearly, and we deliver the fast, straightforward service you rightfully expect -- no matter what branch of the military you serve, and no matter where in the world you happen to be.

This isn't an empty promise. We've specialized in Military Banking since our beginning in 1956, back when we were the Kelly Field National Bank. Our staff, many of them senior retired officers, noncommissioned officers, and other professionals know the unique financial circumstances of military personnel first-hand, and have the financial expertise to provide the help you need. All this combined experience means better service from a better bank.

Wells Fargo Banking can give you all the financial services you'll ever need during the course of your career. That means you don't need to switch banks each time you're posted to another part of the country -- or the world. You just change the address on your checks and continue your relationship with the bankers you've gotten to know and trust.

Name: El Paso - Virtual El Paso

#### WWW Link:

http://www.virtualelpaso.com/sitemap.htm

#### **Comments:**

The Virtual El Paso Website will provide you with an overview of just about every aspect of life in the Sun City, from entertainment to health care to employment. Name: El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau

Address: 1 Civic Center Plaza

City: El Paso, TX 79901

**Phone:** 1-800-351-6024 **FAX:** (915) 532-0263

E-Mail: info@elpasocvb.com

**WWW Link:** http://www.visitelpaso.com

**Proximity to site:** 6 miles

#### **Comments:**

El Pasoans share a fascination and passion for history that visitors to our city find remarkable. Our heritage surrounds us every day, an indelible part of our city's character.

The name El Paso itself has a rich historical significance. It is a shortened version of El Paso del Rio del Norte, the name given to the pristine river valley by conquistador Don Juan de O ate more than four centuries ago.

El Paso has seen and remembered the westward expansion of pioneer America, the coming of the railroads to the western frontier, the days of outlaw and gunslingers, Indian wars and Indian peace, the birth of the U.S. Cavalry and the Texas Rangers.

Visit El Paso and enjoy our city, its historic mission trail, beautiful mountain vistas and desert sunsets, quaint Mexican restaurants and colorful history

#### El Paso Links:

Send a VIRTUAL POSTCARD from El Paso El Paso Citi-Guide

Tourist information for the El Paso and Juarez area El Paso Infopage

A one stop source for local El Paso Web Pages El Paso Scene

For Families, Sports, Arts Scene

Guide to entertainment, recreation and culture, with monthly and weekly listings of events

Rio Grande Free-Net

El Paso's free community supported Internet service provider Ticket Master

Name: El Paso Guest Life

City: El Paso, TX

#### WWW Link:

http://www.guestlife.com/elpaso/index.html

#### **Comments:**

Welcome to El Paso

The Sun City El Paso is deep in the heart of the land of relaxation, allowing it to draw a refreshing distinction from the frenzy of most metropolitan areas. It offers the benefits of a big city but with a friendlier atmosphere. Here you can forget the hassles of a huge metropolis; transportation is made simple by easily navigated freeways as well as trolleys, shuttles, limousines and taxis. Life in El Paso is best described by a few words: cultural diversity, climate, history, informality, variety, shopping, restaurants, nightlife, art. The words describe a city that s a very comfortable place in which to live or to visit.

Here is a diverse multicultural community which boasts the largest population on any international border in the world, about two million in El Paso and its sister city, Ciudad Juarez. This also contributes to a rapidly growing business climate. The major businesses in El Paso include military, educational, retail and wholesale as well as manufacturing, especially apparel and boots and the ever-important chile, pecan and cotton industries. Here, art comes in many forms, from theater to music to colorful murals to naturally breathtaking sunsets.

The climate of El Paso is just about as comfortable as climate gets mild desert combined with low humidity, calm breezes and sunshine throughout the year. Sun worshipers abound in sunny El Paso. For most of the year, the climate makes El Paso an outdoor sports paradise. Numerous public and private golf courses, tennis clubs and swimming pools augment the city and county parks where team sports thrive, and joggers work out at all times of the day.

Cohen Stadium, home of the El Paso Diablos, is a beautiful facility that rings all summer with the crack of the bat and roar of the fans breaking the still night air. El Paso is the home of the Sun Bowl football game, played each college bowl season at the University of Texas at El Paso. Other major sports include the Patriots, a professional soccer franchise; and the El Paso Buzzards professional ice hockey team.

The chile capital of the world is in the Rio Grande

Valley of southern New Mexico and west Texas, and chile naturally provides the theme of the region. In El Paso, literally hundreds of restaurants feature every conceivable variety of cuisine formulated from the chile pod. But culinary delights don t stop there; El Paso also offers a wide range of restaurants based on a variety of international cuisines.

Homes are often styled with brick, adobe or stucco and offer a distinct southwestern flair. Decor is primarily relaxed, with colors ranging from soft pastels to bright Indian prints and a vast array of unique Mexican and Indian pottery, rugs and art can be found for decorative detail throughout the region. Landscaping often reflects the desert atmosphere and the need for water conservation with rock gardens, cacti and desert-friendly plants.

Whether you are here for a visit or plan to relocate to El Paso, welcome. Enjoy the mix of cultures, centuries-old missions and cathedrals, excellent weather, great eating and shopping and a pleasant way of life that rivals that of any other city in the United States.

Name: El Paso Info

City: El Paso, TX

WWW Link: http://www.elpasoinfo.com

#### **Comments:**

This El Paso website provides active links to the following areas:

El Paso Area Businesses

El Paso Real Estate

El Paso Entertainment

El Paso Area Media

El Paso Education Sites

El Paso Area Government

El Paso Area Groups

Rio Grande Free-Net

Southwest Regional Web Pages

El Paso/Southwest Books

Internet Search Important El Paso Phone Numbers

Name: El Paso Scene

**POC:** Randy Limbird, Publisher

**Address:** P.O. Box 13615 **City:** El Paso, TX 79913

**Phone:** (915) 542-1422 **FAX:** (915) 542-4292 **E-Mail:** epscene@htg.net

WWW Link: http://www.epscene.com/

#### **Comments:**

The El Paso Scene is your weekly and monthly guide to community enteretainment, recreatin, & culture. A great way to link into the El Paso community and get a heads up on events before you arrive.

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Name: El Paso TV and Radio Stations via Internet

WWW Link: http://www.broadcast.com/

#### **Comments:**

Use this website to access El Paso Radio and TV stations via the Internet!

Name: El Paso Texas

City: El Paso, TX

WWW Link: http://www.elpasotexas.com

#### **Comments:**

This website provides the following active links for El Paso information:

Links to The Star City:

Area Links

**Employment** 

Local Schools

Satellite Map

Saternie Maj

TV Times

Border News

Live Radio Feed

Teacher Links

Student LinksFort Bliss

Cd. Juarez, Mex.

Apts for Rent

Movie Listings

Churches Online

Weather, Radar

Weekly Scripture

Winning TX Lotto

Restaurants, Clubs

Name: El Paso Times (Newspaper)

City: El Paso, TX

WWW Link: http://www.elpasotimes.com

#### **Comments:**

Visit this website to access today's newspaper for up to date listing for homes, jobs, and local news and weather.

Name: El Paso Webtree

City: El Paso, TX

WWW Link: http://www.webtree.com/

#### **Comments:**

This website is presented by the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce. Links are active to the following areas:

Agriculture: Chemicals, Equiptment, Farms, Services

Arts & Entertainment: Clubs, Galleries, Parks, Sports, Theatres

Business & Industry: Contractors, Banking, Services

Comic Central: Alanen, Cagle, EyeBeam, Glasbergen

Community: El Paso, Events, Juarez, Las Cruces

Education: Colleges, Districts, K-12, Libraries

Government: City, County, State, United States

Maps and Views: El Paso, Juarez, Las Cruces, Texas

Marketplace: Alphabetical Listing, Yellow Pages

Media: Online, Print Media, Radio, Television

News: National, Search, Stocks, Weather

People: Address, E-Mail, Personal Home Pages

Real Estate: Apartments, Commercial, Industrial

Religion: Churches, Organizations, Synagogues

Search: Businesses, E-mail, Internet, People

Services and Non-Profit: March Of Dimes, YMCA, YWCA

Site Of The Week: Top 10 List, Top 10 El Paso

Taste Of The Southwest: Chile, Mexican, Recipes,

#### Submit

Name: Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** 1-800-351-6024 **E-Mail:** info@elpaso.org

WWW Link: http://www.elpaso.org

Proximity to site: 6 miles

#### **Comments:**

For El Pasoans, quality of life encompasses not only the tangible, such as an affordable cost of living, but also a culture shaped by 400 years of history and influenced by several diverse groups. From the Mission Trail to opera and rodeo, visitors and those who call the city home will tell you that there s no place quite like El Paso.

Name: Local El Paso Information

**POC:** Community Services Relocation Services

Address: Bldg 2494, Ricker Road

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX 79916 **Phone:** (915) 568-6332/6291

FAX: (915) 568-4357

**DSN Phone:** 978-6332/6291

**DSN FAX:** 978-4357

E-Mail: sites4375@emh10.bliss.army.mil

#### **Comments:**

To receive additional information and/or websites on the El Paso area, please contact the CSC Relocation Services at the numbers above.

Name: Texas Tourism Homepage

#### WWW Link:

http://www.traveltex.com/high/home.asp

#### **Comments:**

This site will provide access to information on Texas, North to South, East to West. Cities, locations, parks, tourist sites, and all that neat stuff!! Also includes links to order Texas Freebies and Texas Postcards.

Check it out and find out what Texas is all about!!

Y'all come now, hear?!!

#### **Time Zone Chart**

Fort Bliss / El Paso is on Mountain Standard Time.

#### **Time Zone Chart**

Location	Adjustment
	for GMT
Pacific	-8
Mountain	-7
Central	-6
Eastern	-5
Greenwich (United Kingdom)	0
Central European (Germany)	1
East Asia (Japan)	9

#### Climate

For more information on this subject: El Paso Weather http://aws.com/kvia/default.asp

The city of El Paso is located in the extreme western point of Texas at an elevation of about 3,700 feet in the business district, with areas of the city reaching as high as 5,200 feet. The climate of the region is characterized by the abundance of sunshine throughout the year, high summer temperatures, with very low humidity, scanty rainfall, and a relatively mild winter season typical of arid areas at low latitudes.

Rainfall throughout the year is light (average per year is 7 inches), insufficient for much growth except desert vegetation, and irrigation is necessary for crops, gardens and lawns. Dry periods of several months durations without appreciable rainfall are not

unusual. Almost half of the precipitation occurs in the three-month period, July-September, from brief, but at times heavy, thunderstorms. Flooding from run-off is common in the lower areas of town. Small amounts of snow fall nearly every winter, but snow cover rarely amounts to more than an inch and seldom remains on the ground for more than a few days. Large scale blizzards (snow in excess of 24-36 inches) are rare but have occurred in past years.

Dust and sandstorms are the most unpleasant features of the weather in El Paso. While wind velocities are not excessively high (average 20-30mph with gusts up to 60mph), the soil surface is dry and loose and natural vegetation is sparse, so moderately strong winds raise considerable dust and sand. Sandstorms occur most frequently during March and April.

\*\*Due to the low humidity you may want to consider purchasing a humidifier.\*\*

#### Climate

Month	High	Low	Humidity	Precipitation
January	57	30	40	.4 inches
February	62	34	31	.41
March	69	40	25	.29
April	78	48	20	.20
May	95	56	19	.25
June	100	65	21	.67
July	100	69	33	1.54
August	93	67	36	1.58
September	87	60	39	1.70
October	78	48	34	.76
November	66	37	36	.44
December	58	30	40	.57

#### **Events Calendar**

For more information on this subject: El Paso Scene On-Line http://www.epscene.com/future.html

Assignment to Fort Bliss provides all the fun, culture, and recreation one could ever seek due to being in the hub of two countries, United States and Mexico and three states, Texas, New Mexico, and Chihuahua (Mexico).

Each season brings its own special events and festivals. Nothing to do is not in the vocabulary here in El Paso. Each month has a wide variety of events from football games, festivals, ice hockey to rodeos, ballet and symphonies. You may phone the Chamber of Commerce at (915) 534-5000 for detailed information.

#### **Cultural Attractions**

For more information on this subject: Visit Juarez, Mexico http://cs.utep.edu/juarez/main.html

El Paso is the Southwest's cultural center, enriched more than four centuries by contributions from Native Americans, Spanish settlers, Europeans and Asians. The city's international flavor is apparent in the variety of cultural facilities and events, 18 museums, more than 35 art galleries, and 28 resident visual artists of national acclaim.

Ballet El Paso, Ballet Folkorica, El Paso Pro Musica, the El Paso Symphony Orchestra and the El Paso Museum of Art are just a few of the offerings in the cultural spectrum. The El Paso Planetarium, Insights Science Museum, community theatres, Music under the Stars and Viva! El Paso, one of the country's largest outdoor theatre productions, complete the spectrum of the many entertainment and educational possibilities. For a detailed list of cultural events please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (915) 534-0500 for current attractions, dates and location.

The mountains of New Mexico, which are close by, lure skiers during the winter months.

The El Paso Museum of Art, housed in a brand-new facility in downtown El Paso, contains the famous Kress Collection of painting by European masters. Pre-Columbian art can be examined at the Americana Museum.

The El Paso area offers a full schedule of theatrical and musical performances throughout the year. The El Paso Symphony Orchestra performs classical concerts in the Convention and Performing Arts Center. The Lincoln Cultural Center hosts Rosa Guerrero's Ballet Folklorico presentations of regional dances. Contemporary theatre can be found at El Paso Playhouse and Southwest Repertory Organization. Classical music and a special holiday concert are part of the Pro Musica series. The Music under the Stars concerts at the Chamizal National Memorial features nationally-known music groups.

ALL SOLDIERS TRAVELING ACROSS THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER INTO MEXICO MUST HAVE A WRITTEN PASS FROM THEIR COMMANDER, TO INCLUDE SOLDIERS ON LEAVE. TRAVEL IN UNIFORM IS PROHIBITED. TRANSPORTATION OF ANY MILITARY ISSUE EQUIPMENT (UNIFORMS, TA-50, ETC) IS PROHIBITED.

#### **Recreation Opportunities**

For more information on this subject: Citi-Guide, Your Guide to Surfing the Southwest http://www.citi-guide.com/

Sunny weather makes El Paso perfect for outdoor recreation most of the year. Football, rugby, basketball, ice hockey, and baseball are favorite past times here in El Paso. A wide variety of hiking and mountain-biking trails through a variety of terrains are available for use year-round.

For the indoor types, both Post and Community libraries offer an opportunity for a quiet, relaxing afternoon.

Name: Chamber of Commerce	
City: El Paso, TX	
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 534-0500	

Name: Information, Ticketing and Registration (ITR) Office

Address: Building 1743

City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-5654

Name: Mickelsen LIbary

POC: Donna E. Ramsey Reference Librarian

**Address:** ATTN: ATSA-MS-L

2 Sheridan Road

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX 79916-3802

**Phone:** (915) 615/1902 **DSN Phone:** 978-6156/1902

E-Mail: MickelsenL@bliss.army.mil
WWW Link: http://147.71.210.21/library/

**Proximity to site:** On Post

#### **Comments:**

Welcome to the United States Army Air Defense Artillery (ADA) School's Mickelsen Library Web Site. Since its beginnings, the Library has served the information needs of Fort Bliss and the ADA School. The Library functions as a vital part of Fort Bliss.

As the Library is divided into two unique areas and supports two different missions, click on either General Side or School Side to see each side's mission and other information.

We hope this web site provides its visitors with insight and a primary understanding of the Library. Up to date information on happenings in the Library may be acquired by reading "The Library Corner" in the "Monitor" published for the Fort Bliss/El Paso, Texas Community each week.

#### **Military Related and Civic Organizations**

Fort Bliss has several military organizations and also a very active retired community. The list below reflects some of the organizations.

There are several VFWs, American Legions and affiliations in the Fort Bliss/El Paso area. Consult the phone directory for local chapters (too many to list).

Name: Air Defense Artillery Association

**Address:** Bulding 5000

City: Ft. Bliss

**Phone:** (915) 564-4331

Name: Assoc. of the US Army (AUSA)

City: Fort Bliss

**Phone:** (915) 775-0155

Name: Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

**Address:** 4015 Flory Ave

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 562-212/564-6180

Name: El Paso Jaycees

Address: 10 Civic Center Plaza

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 544-4637

Name: Marine Corps League

**Address:** PO Box 640428

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 755-1647

Name: Non Commissioned Officers Wives

Association

**POC:** Sue Gonzales

Address: Community Services Info & Referral

Building 505

City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916

**Phone:** (915) 568-6332/6291

**FAX:** (915) 568-4357

**DSN Phone:** 978-6332/6291

**DSN FAX:** 978-4357

Proximity to site: Meets on site

Name: Non-Commissioned Officers Association

(NCOA)

Address: 5616 Dyer St.

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 562-4641

Name: Officers and Civilian Spouses Association

**Address:** PO Box 6708

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX **Phone:** (915) 562-3343

Name: The Society of Military Widows

Address: 10313 Byway Dr.

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 598-0981

Name: Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 574

Address: P.O. Box 26906, 9038 Alameda Ave

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 593-3872

#### **Shopping**

For more information on this subject:

Shop El Paso Electronically!

http://www.shopelpaso.com

El Paso has 3 major malls and numerous shopping centers as well as cultural type shops throughout the city.

Name: Bassett Center

Address: Central El Paso City: (915) 772-7479

**Proximity to site:** 1 mile south of Fort Bliss

#### **Comments:**

Major Stores: Target, Mervyns, Lerners, Dillards, dozens of specialty stores, food court, and mutiscreen theater inside the mall. Easy access from Interstate 10.

Hours of operation: 0900 - 2100 hrs Mon - Sat,

1200 - 1700 hrs

Sun.

Name: Cielo Vista Mall

**Address:** East El Paso **Phone:** (915) 779-7070

**Proximity to site:** 5 miles east of Fort Bliss

#### **Comments:**

Major Stores: Sears, Dillards, JC Penneys, dozens of specialty shops, food court, and muti-screen theater in the parking lot. Easy access via Interstate 10.

Hours of operation: 1000 - 2200 hrs Mon - Fri,

1200 - 1800 hrs

Sun. Largest mall in El Paso.

Name: Sunland Park Mall

**Address:** West El Paso **Phone:** (915) 833-5595

**Proximity to site:** 19 miles west of Fort Bliss

#### **Comments:**

Major Stores: Sears, Dillards, JC Penneys, dozens of smaller specialty stores, food court and indoor multi-screen theater. Easy access off Interstate 10.

Hours of operation: 1000 - 2200 hrs Mon - Fri,

1200 - 1800 hrs

Sun. Newest major mall in El Paso.

## **State and Community Social Service Agencies**

For more information on this subject: State and local social service agencies http://www.elpasotexas.com/epsrvcs.htm#localorg

The Texas Department of Human Services administers foster care, adoption, protective care for children, food stamps and aid to families with dependant children.

For assistance with a specialty agency, please contact Community Services at (915) 568-1132 to be directed to the respective agency you need to contact.

Name: Texas Department of Human Services

**Address:** 6451 Boeing **City:** El Paso, TX 79925 **Phone:** (915) 783-8742

**Proximity to site:** 2 miles **Comments:** 

Hours: 0800 - 1700 hrs, Monday - Friday.

Name: Texas Works-Food Stamps and Temp

Assistance

**Address:** Various locations across the city

City: El Paso, TX

#### **Comments:**

Food stamp assistance is available to needy military families through the Community Service Center, building 2494, Fort Bliss. Offices are spread throughout the city based on zip code of the individual's residence.

Name: Women, Infants, Children (WIC)

**Address:** Building 51, Slater Rd

City: Fort Bliss, TX
Phone: (915) 771-5870
Proximity to site: on Fort Bliss

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#### **Comments:**

For Fort Bliss residents. WIC assists income eligible families with nutritional problems in an effort to prevent more serious medical problems.

There are various locations based upon zip code throughout El Paso.

Hours of operation: Monday - Friday 0730 - 1630 hrs.

Saturday appointments can be coordinated.

#### **Non-Profit Social Service Agencies**

Fort Bliss hosts numerous non-profit agencies offering a wide variety of of programs. The community is pro-active in participating and assisting in their events.

United Way offers a wide variety of assistance to the Fort Bliss community. Without their assistance several agencies would almost be non-existent.

Consult local phone directory or contact Community Services at (915) 568-1132 for the organization that interests you.

#### **Religious Activities**

For more information on this subject: Places to worship

http://www.elpasotexas.com/epsrvcs.htm#churches

El Paso has over 348 synagogues and churches representing more than 60 denominations for the entire family.

Fort Bliss also offers many denominations. Post Chapels offer services for Catholic Mass, Protestant Service, Jewish Service, Gospel Service, Pentecostal Service, Islam Prayer, Muslim TA'ALEEM, Youth and Adult religious study, and choirs. Protestant and Catholic services are also available in German.

For further information regarding what is offered please contact the Center Staff Chaplain's office located in building 112 on Pershing Road, commercial (915) 568-1519/3194 or DSN 978-1519/3194.

#### **Community Transportation**

For more information on this subject: El Paso Trolley Company http://www.borderjumper.com

Sun Metro is El Paso's local city bus system. It operates on Fort Bliss and WBAMC.

Airline service is also available with several major carriers.

Military personnel arriving at El Paso Airport that do not have a ride waiting may contact the military liaison desk and transportation may be provided. For more information contact 568-5223.

Transportation is available to and from the El Paso airport and Biggs Army Airfield for anyone staying at the Inn or Fort Bliss Billeting. Call the billeting front desk at 568-4888 or 568-2703 to arrange for this free transportation or for more information on the shuttle service.

Taxi service from the airport is reimburseable.

Consult the local directory for list of cab companies.

Name: El Paso International Airport
Address: Airport Rd
City: El Paso, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 772-4271
Proximity to site: 1/2 mile

Name: AMTRAK
Address: 700 San Francisco Ave
City: El Paso, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 545-2247
Proximity to site: 5 miles

Name: Sun Metro Bus Company (local city bus)	
Address: 700 A San Francisco Ave	
City: El Paso, TX	
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 533-3333	
Proximity to site: 10 miles	

<b>Name:</b> The Lift (bus transportation for the disabled)
Address: 101 Texas Street
City: El Paso, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 544-2514
Proximity to site: 10 miles
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Name: Greyhound Bus Lines
Address: 200 W San Antonio St
City: El Paso, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 532-2365

#### **Education**

#### **Education Overview**

To access the local Independent School District websites, please visit the Public School section. To access information on curriculum, texbooks, school evaluations, please visit the Texas Education Agency website linked below.

Three elementary schools, are located on Fort Bliss. Off post, there are three elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school which serve the Fort Bliss community. A new high school opened on Fort Bliss for the 2000-2001 school year. It opened with the Freshman Class in 2000, and will add another grade each year until all four grades are in place. Transportation to off post schools is provided by busing. All of these schools are part of the El Paso Independent School District. Personnel living off post should be aware that there are also two other school districts in the El Paso area. Personnel living in an area other than that designated as part of the El Paso Independent School district are required by law

to send their children to the school district designated for that area.

#### Absences:

A child required to attend school may be excused for temporary absence resulting from any cause acceptable to the teach,principal, or Superintendent of the school in which the child is enrolled.

#### Attendance for Credit:

A student shall be given credit for a class only if the student has been in attendance 90 percent of the days the class is offered per semester, unless an attendance committee appointed by the Board of Trustees gives the student credit because there were extenuating circumstances for the absences.

#### Bilingual Education:

Bilingual education is available for students in all districts. Contact your child's principal or the district's central offices for more information about existing programs.

#### Busing:

Texas law does not provide funding for transportation of students living under two miles from school. Busing is provided by the district for all students living on post who attend Austin High School. Additionally, some special education students are bused, if they are attending a special education class not being offered in their immediate area.

#### Counseling:

Counselors/at-risk coordinators are available at middle, junior and senior high schools for assistance in credit evaluations, class registrations, and all school-related changes.

#### Discipline:

All schools in the El Paso, Socorro and Ysleta Independent School Districts have a discipline management plan. All students and parents are given a student code of conduct at the beginning of each school year.

#### **Education Division**

The Fort Bliss Education Center offers a variety of services for the active-duty military person and for adult family members. Contact the Education Center for information regarding current course offerings of secondary, under-graduate and graduate level programs.

#### El Paso Schools:

El Paso Independent School District main switchboard number: 779-3781.

#### Federal School Lunch Program:

Contact the school principal for information and an application form for the free and/or reduced price lunch program.

#### Gifted Education Programs:

Contact the school principal for further information on your child's possible acceptance into this program.

#### Grade Conversion:

State of Texas Numerical/Letter Grade Conversion:

90 - 100 A 80 - 89 B 75 - 79 C 70 - 74 D 0 - 69 F

#### Honors Program:

Contact the principal or school counselor for information regarding honors classes (advanced placement) available to students in grades 9-12.

#### Immunization:

All military family members must present, at the time of first registration, the following proof of immunizations:

1. Polio 2. DTP/TD 3. Mumps 4. Rubella 5. TB (for all out of state students) 6. Measles

#### Junior National Honor Society:

Open to students in grades 7, 8, and 9. Contact the school principal or counselor for further information.

#### Kindergarten and Pre-K:

Kindergarten students must be five years old by September 1. El Paso School District is a full-day program: Ysleta School District has a full-day program. The Socorro School District offers a half-day program.

Pre-Kindergarten students must be four years old by September 1. In order to qualify for this program, children must either be Limited English Proficient (LEP) and/or meet the Federal School Lunch Program Guidelines for free and/or reduced price lunch.

#### Liaison:

The public school liaison is a professional educator whose responsibility is to serve the educational needs of the military community. The post educational liaison is a direct link between the military and school districts in the El Paso area. The liaison office telephone numbers are: (915) 562-5109 or 568-8059.

#### Medicine:

Medication may be administered to a child during the school day only if written permission and instructions from the parent are on file with the principal and/or the school nurse. If medication is prescribed by a physician, it must be accompanied by a prescription label in a corresponding prescription bottle.

Most Frequently Called Numbers El Paso School District:

587-2500
565-9938
587-2540
231-2580
832-6670
562-5109/568-8059
562-1245
587-2520
779-4041
887-3060
775-2101
231-2740

#### No Pass-No Play:

TEA Regulation mandates that students must be maintaining a 70 average in all classes in order to participate in extracurricular activities.

#### Open House:

Parents are encouraged to attend their children's school during Open House. Open house in the El Paso District is held once in the fall. Ysleta schools offer similar opportunities for parents to visit the schools. Socorro, since it has year-round schooling, has different scheduling for its open houses.

#### Partnerships in Education Program:

The Partnerships in Education Program is a project to support thelocal school districts. Fort Bliss provides human resources to assist and supplement the educational programs of the local schools in the El Paso area. Soldiers assist the schools as tutors, mentors, role models and judges.

#### Problems:

If a problem should arise, first try to resolve the issue with the principal. If the problem can't be resolved at that level, contact the EPISD Liaison for further assistance and referral: 562-5109/568-8059.

#### Promotion Policy:

To be promoted from one grade level to the next, a student in grades 1-5 shall attain for the year an overall average of 70 or above by averaging the final numerical grade for language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. In addition, a student shall attain an average of 70 or above in language arts and in mathematics.

To be promoted from one grade level to the next, a student in grades 6-8 shall attain an overall average of 70 or above for the year. The average is derived by averaging the final numerical grade in all courses taken. In addition, a student shall attain an average of 70 or above in three of the following subjects: language arts (including reading), mathematics, social studies, and science.

#### PTA:

Parents can be involved in their children's school by joining the PTA. Parental involvement at all levels of public education enriches the learning experiences for all children.

#### **Pupil Services:**

If there are any questions regarding which school your child will be attending, contact the Pupil Services Department:

El Paso School District...... 779-4041 Ysleta School District...... 434-0740 Socorro School District...... 860-3459 Questions:

If you have further questions regarding your child's educational needs, contact the school principal or the Liaison (562-5109) for further assistance.

#### Registration:

Records required for all students at the time of registration include:

1. Birth certificate, hospital record or Baptismal certificate. 2. Immunization and shot record--up to date. 3. Report card from last school attended. 4. Proof of residency (quarters assignment or rent receipt). 5. Child's Social Security Card.

#### Senior National Honor Society:

Open to students in grades 11-12. Check with the principal or school counselor for further information.

#### Socorro Schools:

Socorro Independent School Dirstrict main switchboard number: 860-3400.

#### Special Education Services:

A variety of Special Education Services are offered in the El Paso, Socorro, and Ysleta school districts. If your child is currently enrolled in a special education program, it is vital that the principal or counselor be notified of this fact at the time of registration. If you feel that your child is in need of referral to a special education program, work with the school principal to set up the testing process. Further information can be obtained from your child's school or from contacting the Special Education Departments:

El Paso School District.......775-2101 Socorro School District.......860-6200 Ysleta School District.......434-0900

#### Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS):

The statewide assessment program shall be primarily performance based to ensure accountability for student achievement that achieves the state goals for public education. The state-adopted criterion-referenced assessment program shall assess competencies in reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science. The state-adopted exit-level assessment instrument shall assess competencies in mathematics and English language arts (including writing).

#### Textbooks:

Students are responsible for maintaining textbooks assigned to them. Fines may be assessed upon return

of books for damages. Lost or stolen books must be paid for before issuance of new books.

#### Under age Students:

A child is eligible for enrollment in the first grade if he/she is at least six years of age at the beginning of the scholastic year (defined as September 1, Section 21.001, Texas Educational Code), or has been enrolled in the first grade or has completed kindergarten in the public schools in another state prior to transferring to a Texas public school and meets the residency requirements. Proof of attendance in the first grade must be presented to and accepted by the principal. Children whose sixth birthday comes after September 1 may be admitted to the first grade if proof can be shown that they completed kindergarten and demonstrate mastery of the kindergarten essential elements as measured by a district selected assessment instrument.

#### Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS)

Parents are encouraged to participate in their children's education by volunteering at their children's schools. They can be Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) in the El Paso and Socorro districts or VISA in the Ysleta District. To be a school volunteer, contact either the school principal or contact the coordinator for school volunteers:

El Paso District (VIPS).....562-5109 Socorro District (VIPS)....860-3603 Ysleta District (VISA).....434-0697

#### **Vocational Programs:**

El Paso,Socorro, and Ysleta Independent School Districts offer comprehensive vocational training programs for high school students. The vocational curriculum is designed to meet the needs of all the students regardless of their level of academic achievement.

High technology programs such as electronics, data processing and others are offered for the upper level students. Special programs are also offered for the disadvantaged and handicapped students. All three districts have technical/vocational centers for the large laboratory type programs. Cooperative training programs are offered in conjunction with local businesses and industry. This allows the student to learn occupational skills while on the job.

#### "X"-Tra Curricular Activities:

All school districts in the El Paso area fully suport students from military families who want to participate in extra-curricular activities. Check with your child's principal or the districts' athletic offices to determine what athletic activities are available:

El Paso Athletic Department.......779-4287 Socorro Athletic Department.......860-3609 Ysleta Athletic Department.......434-0630

Ysleta Schools:

Ysleta Independent School District main switchboard number: 434-0000

Zero Tolerance of Violent and Abusive Behavior on School Campuses:

The El Paso Independent School District believes that schools must be safe and orderlylearning environments. The district further believes that disciplinary infractions involving violence, verbal abuse, and possession of drugs or weapons must be disciplined, in a firm, evenhanded and consistent manner.

Name: Homeschooling

**POC:** Southwest Homeschooling Network

Address: PO Box 371703

**City:** El Paso, TX 79937-1703

**Phone:** (915) 859-5092

WWW Link: http://www.dzn.com/~shn-network

**Comments:** 

The SW Homeschooling Network supports

homeschooling in the El Paso area.

Name: Homeschooling: Texas Education Agency Home School Information

#### WWW Link:

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/home.school/

#### **Comments:**

Texas Education Agency

Home School Information Letter

August 7, 1998

#### TO THE INDIVIDUAL ADDRESSED:

Attached is information about parental instruction or "home schooling" in lieu of public school attendance. Parents can obtain information from many different sources, some of which are listed in this packet for your information.

This packet is sent to you as a courtesy only. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) does not recommend, approve, support, or endorse any person, educational program, group, or organization in the attachment.

For most of this century, Texas law has exempted children enrolled in a private or parochial school from compulsory school attendance. In the case of Leeper et al. v. Arlington ISD et al., the Supreme Court of Texas affirmed a decision by District Judge Charles J. Murray holding that a school age child residing in Texas who is pursuing, under direction of his/her parents, a curriculum designed to meet basic education goals is attending a private school within the meaning of Section 25.086(a)(1) of the Texas Education Code and is therefore exempt from compulsory school attendance. This case has statewide application because school districts in the state and certain state officials were parties to the suit. A copy of the sections of the Texas Education Code related to compulsory attendance is attached.

The Texas Education Agency does not regulate, index, monitor, approve, nor register the programs available to parents who choose to home school. In the event a home-schooled student wishes to enter a public school, most school districts have policies and procedures in place to assess the mastery level of courses that students in home schools have taken. The results of the assessment may be used for grade placement and/or award of credit. The State of Texas does not award a diploma to students that are home schooled.

Several sources of information about home schooling are cited on the attached pages. There

may be a charge or fee for catalogues or materials from the organizations listed. In addition, there may be books about parental/home education available from bookstores in your community. As another alternative, interested parents may also wish to contact the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission, 10810 Dreamland Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78230, (210) 979-6410, for information about accredited private schools.

Persons interested in acquiring the state-mandated curriculum may purchase the document from the TEA Publication office. The document is all-inclusive; individual grades and/or courses are not available separately. To inquire about ordering the State Board of Education Rules for Curriculum, please call TEA Publications at (512) 463-9744. The cost of the document changes periodically, but is approximately \$50.00 per copy. The publications office maintains publications only and does not respond to questions related to home schooling. THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT REQUIRED OF PERSONS CONDUCTING HOME SCHOOLING.

A Textbook Current Adoption Catalogue may also be purchased (approximately \$10.00 per copy) from TEA Publications; however, state-adopted textbooks can be purchased directly from the publishers. Please understand that a local district is not required to provide textbooks nor to facilitate purchases. Textbooks purchased with public funds are to be used only by students enrolled in a public school.

If further information or assistance is necessary, please contact any of the attached Home School Support Groups or Regional/State Organizations.

Name: Magnet Schools of Texas

#### WWW Link:

http://www.geocities.com/athens/delphi/5800

#### **Comments:**

Magnet Schools of Texas, Inc. (MSTX) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit educational organization founded May 24, 1993 and officially incorporated on March 4, 1994. The purposes of MSTX are: To promote goals of desegregation, equity, and excellence through the expansion and improvement of magnet schools. To encourage the passage of legislation at both the state and national levels that will promote the development and improvement of magnet schools. To explore and establish linkages with other professional groups with similar interests. To promote networking within the magnet school and public choice community

Name: Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

WWW Link: http://www.militarychild.org

#### **Comments:**

Welcome! We are building a coalition of military installations and departments, school districts, professionals and parents who want to support the educational needs of all military children.

Our mission is to establish partnerships and provide networking of schools and military installations for the purpose of establishing support systems and developing processes which address transition and other educational issues related to the military child.

If you are interested in helping the military child adjust to the educational transitions of relocating, or would like more information, we welcome you to join us. Please follow this link to our membership form.

Name: Texas Education Agency

Address: 1701 North Congress Ave

**City:** Austin, TX 78701-1494

**Phone:** (512) 463-9734

WWW Link: http://www.tea.state.tx.us

#### **Comments:**

By accessing the Texas Education Agency, visitors can receive information on major items of interest such as curriculum, school evaluations, student assessments, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Test (TEKS), as well as listings of textbooks required.

The following is a listing of active links available throught the TEA homepage:

Today's News Press Releases Web Site Changes Employment Postings Dropout Conference School Law & Rules

Texas Education Code

**TEA Rules** 

State Waivers / Ed-Flex

School Data

AEIS / School Ratings

Snapshot

**Pocket Edition** 

**PEIMS** 

School Directory Information

Ask TED

Information & Publications

**Bulletin 742-TEA Forms** 

**TEA Research** 

Year 2000 Challenge

**TEA Publications** 

\*Safe Schools Information\*

Curriculum & Assessment

**TEKS** 

TAAS / End-of-Course

**PDAS** 

Textbooks

Technology

**Educational Programs** 

**Special Populations** 

Texas Reading Initiative

Home School

**Driver Training** 

Accountability & Accreditation

TSSAS

Accreditation Guidelines

TSII

School Finance & Grants

School Funding

Financial Audit

Answers On-Line

TEA Payment Report

**Grant Information** 

WEB Expenditure Report

Texas Education Agency 1701 North Congress Ave Austin, TX 78701-1494 (512)463-9734

**Equal Employment Opportunity** 

Name: Texas Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Homepage

Phone: (512) 476-6769 FAX: (512) 476-8152 E-Mail: txpta@txpta.org

WWW Link: http://www.txpta.org

#### **Comments:**

The mission of the PTA is three-fold:

To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies, and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers -the National PTA -- is the largest volunteer child
advocacy organization in the United States. An
organization of parents, teachers, students, and other
citizens active in their schools and communities, the
PTA is a leader in reminding our nation of its
obligations to children. Nearly 7 million people
belong to this nonprofit, noncommercial,
nonsectarian, and nonpartisan organization.

The National PTA advocates before decision makers for children's rights to better health, education, and well-being, working closely with other national education and health agencies and organizations. It provides current information and offers programs, guidance, publications, and training to state and local PTA groups in developing family-centered programs and encouraging parental involvement in all areas of a child's life.

For over 90 years, PTA has been leading the way in improving the lives of America's children and youths. Parent education is a primary part of PTA's philosophy and aids in the association's quest to protect and encourage all children. PTA draws on the experience and input of its membership and cooperating groups and shares what it has learned through its programs, publications, and services.

Texas PTA, with a current membership of approximately 800,000, is a branch of the National PTA. It is organized into 18 geographic districts, 118 councils, and more than 2600 local campus level PTAs. It is governed by a 48 member board of directors, with state headquarters at 408 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

The local PTA is a self-governing unit that plans its

programs and activities to meet the needs of children and youth in the community. It is at the local level where the programs of service for children and youths are put into action. All other PTA structure--councils, districts, and states--are designed to promote and strengthen the work of the local unit PTA.

A comparison between PTA and PTO

PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a state and national affiliated organization dedicated to advocacy for all children. It has as resources other PTA units, state and national organizations, a voice in state and national legislation, and a network capability with seven million child advocates. PTA's work is based on the concept that many groups with similar goals working for children are much more effective and benefit more children than just a single organization working for the children on one campus.

PTA dues are decided by the membership of the local unit with \$1 of the dues dedicated to Texas PTA and \$1 to the National PTA. All other monies are used as the local unit desires and decides.

PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is a campus level advocacy group that deals primarily with issues arising from its school. There is no affiliation with other PTOs, and there are no state or national resources. Decisions and actions made by a PTO generally affect only the children of its affiliated school.

PTO dues are determined by the local unit. Since PTOs are independent of any state or national organization, all monies are kept in that unit.

#### Public and DODDS Schools

Fort Bliss has no DODDS schools. On post schools belong to the El Paso Independent School District.

Fort Bliss has 3 elementary schools. Bliss Elementary is located on main post, Milam Elementary School located on Biggs Army Airfield and Logan Elementary School located in Logan Heights.

Bliss Elementary School: Serves grades prekindergarten through the fifth grade. School year begins in August and includes 175 school days. The school has a uniform policy that is at the expense of the parents. Bliss Elementary is located 4401 Sheridan Road, Main Post, (915) 562-5475.

Milam Elementary School: Serves prekindergarten through the fifth grade. School year begins in August and has 175 school days. Milam Elementary is located 5000 Luke Street, El Paso, TX 79908, (915) 565-9929.

Logan Elementary School: Serves prekindergarten throgh fifth grade. School years begins in August and has 175 calender days for the school year. Logan Elementary is located 3200 Ellerthorpe, El Paso, TX, (915) 562-1245.

The 2 middle schools that serve Fort Bliss (off the installation) are Ross Middle school located outside the south end of Fort Bliss and Bassett Middle School located west main post.

Ross Middle School is located at 6101 Hughey Drive, El Paso, TX 79925, (915) 778-4261.

Bassett Middle School is located at 4400 Elm Street, El Paso, TX, (915) 565-9938.

The main high school that serves the Fort Bliss installation is Austin High School, 3500 Memphis, El Paso, TX 79930, (915) 562-7611.

Name: Andress High School
Address: 5400 Sun Valley Drive
City: El Paso, TX 79924

Phone: (915) 832-8600 FAX: (915) 757-6443

WWW Link:

http://andress.elpaso.k12.tx.us/index.html

**Proximity to site:** 10 miles

**Comments:** 

Andress High School serves a portion of the northern end of NE El Paso. All high school students living in the 801 Housing area will attend

Andress High School.

Name: Austin High School
Address: 3500 Memphis Ave
City: El Paso, TX 79930
Phone: (915) 587-2500
FAX: (915) 566-7360
E-Mail: austinhs@whc.net

WWW Link: http://austinhs.elpaso.k12.tx.us

Proximity to site: 4 miles

**Comments:** 

Austin High School services all high school students living in main Post quarters.

Name: Bel Air Center for Health Professions

Address: 731 Yarbrough
City: El Paso, TX 79915
Phone: (915) 434-3801
Proximity to site: 10 miles

**Comments:** 

The Bel Air Center for Health Professions falls under the Ysleta Independent School District.

Students must have an overall grade-point average of 85 and have passed the reading and writing part of the 8th Grade TAAS.

Name: El Paso Independent School District

**Address:** 6571 Boeing Dr.

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 779-3781 **WWW Link:** http://www.elpaso.k12.tx.us

Proximity to site: Offices within 2 miles of Post

#### **Comments:**

The EPISD is the primary school district for West, Central, and Northeast El Paso. On post housing areas are serviced by EPISD. Please visit the linked website for more information on EPISD. Austin and Andress High School links are provided separately within this section.

Shared Vision Statement and Goals

The shared vision of the El Paso Independent School District is to meet the diverse educational needs of every student and empower each to become a successful, contributing member of the global community.

Goals and Objectives

#### Goal 1

Increase the educational achievement of all students.

Objective 1: To improve TAAS scores at each school so that each campus increases one academic level within the state accountability system; e.g., Acceptable to Recognized, Recognized to Exemplary.

Objective 2: To maintain or exceed the state standard of a 94 percent attendance rate.

Objective 3: To continue and refine newly implemented interventions and instructional programs targeting Grades 1, 6 and 9, that will result in a 10 percent increase in the passing rate prior to summer school.

Objective 4: To increase to a minimum of 70 percent the number of students taking the SAT/ACT on each high school campus and 50 percent of that 70 percent mastering one of the exams.

Objective 5: To establish standards for grade levels not assessed by TAAS.

Objective 6: To implement a reading program for Grades K-3 with kindergarten students reading 1st grade materials by end of the school year and all students able to read by 3rd grade.

#### Goal 2

Refine the current structure to ensure effective and efficient operation of the District.

Objective 1: To implement staff development opportunities to promote interschool and interlevel networking throughout the District.

Objective 2: To involve concerned parents, teachers, students, community leaders, and school administrators in the implementation of change processes to improve the quality of education.

Objective 3: To monitor the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of the management and operations of the District and each region.

Objective 4: To continue providing professional development that meets the needs of all employee groups to enhance their contribution toward improving student achievement.

#### Goal 3

Maintain, improve, and expand facilities and construction of campus buildings to provide a safe and comfortable environment for all students.

Objective 1: To use alternative financing to construct new facilities and make appropriate renovations where needed.

Objective 2: To consider historical architecture, energy conservation, demographic trends, and community input for the development of construction, renovation, and maintenance projects.

# Goal 4

Expand opportunities for parents, business, community partners, and schools to work together to improve education.

Objective 1: To support high quality co-ventures with private and public enterprises which identify and develop students consumer, entrepreneurial,

and workforce readiness skills.

Objective 2: To continue to identify, implement, and evaluate extended educational and recreational programs that use the schools as community centers.

Objective 3: To provide additional opportunities for parents to become advocates for public education through involvement with the school/community decision-making process.

Objective 4: To promote the dissemination of positive and accurate information about the District throughout the school year.

#### Goal 5

Consistently and systematically develop opportunities for the creation of new programs and services to meet the future needs of all students.

Objective 1: To research, implement, and evaluate innovative programs that address challenging academic standards for lifelong, marketable skills for all students.

Objective 2: To develop, implement, and evaluate innovative approaches and accelerated programs that address the affective and academic needs of the at-risk students as soon as identified at all grade levels.

Objective 3: To research, implement, and evaluate innovative programs targeted at schools performing low.

Objective 4: To provide for the consistent implementation of the Pre K-12 district discipline management plan (A Student Code of Conduct).

Objective 5: To continue and expand successful practices in drug and violence intervention in each school/community.

#### Goal 6

Establish effective use of technological resources throughout the District.

Objective 1: To implement the EPISD Strategic Action Plan for Technology in Education.

Objective 2: To secure funding to implement the EPISD Strategic Action Plan for Technology in Education.

Name: Silva Magnet School for Heath Care

**Professions** 

**Address:** 121 Val Verde **City:** El Paso, TX 79905 **Phone:** (915) 533-9754

**FAX:** (915) 533-3695 **Proximity to site:** 10 miles

#### **Comments:**

The Silva Magnet school falls under the EPISD and provides technical training in health care professions to high school students.

Students must have an 85 average in math, history and English for two years and have passed the math, reading and writing portions of the 8th Grade Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

Name: Socorro Health Professions Academy

Address: 10150 Alameda City: El Paso, TX 79907 Phone: (915) 860-6686 Proximity to site: 10 miles

#### **Comments:**

Students must be among the top 100 students who applied for the program. The students are ranked according to a combination of their overall gradepoint average, TAAS scores, and attendance rates.

Name: Socorro Independent School District

Address: 12300 Eastlake Drive

**City:** El Paso, TX **Phone:** (915) 860-3400

**WWW Link:** http://www.socorro.k12.tx.us

**Proximity to site:** office approx 15 miles from

base.

# **Comments:**

Services far east El Paso.

Name: Southwest Homeschooling Network

**Address:** PO Box 371793 **City:** El Paso, TX 79937-1703

**Phone:** 915 859-5092

E-Mail: shn-network@users.dzn.com

WWW Link: http://www.dzn.com/~shn-network

#### **Comments:**

The SW Homeschooling network supports homeschooling in the El Paso area.

The purpose of Southwest Homeschooling Network (SHN) is to share information, promote educational development, and provide support for all homeschooling families and interested persons.

SHN is made up of individuals and support groups that are autonomous. We share information and work together to plan coordinate activities for all homeschooled children in the area. SHN is a volunteer organization for the benefit for the homeschooling families and does not employ anyone. All of its participating coordinators, support group leaders, and contact people are volunteers. SHN participants have purposed that the network and all its activities and newsletters will be consistantly and forthrightly Christian.

We would love to have you become a member of this large and ever-growing group. If you are interested in obtaining additional information or have comments about our site, please contact us at shn-network@users.dzn.com Name: Tech Prep

POC: Upper Rio Grande Consortium

Address: 1155 Westmoreland Suite 208

City: El Paso, TX 79925 Phone: (915) 774-0076 FAX: (915) 774-0076

#### **Comments:**

Tech Prep programs: Automotive Microcomputer Application

Diesel Mechanics Nursing
Drafting Office Info.

Systems

Electronics Precision

Machining

Environmental Studies Teacher

Education

Heating and Ventilation

Veterinarian Tech

#### **CAREER & TECHNOLOGY**

# **EDUCATION & TECH PREP**

Hospitality Law Enforcement Manufacturing Meat Tech

Name: Website: The SchoolReport.Com

# WWW Link:

http://www.theschoolreport.com/sr\_home.html

# **Comments:**

This fantastic website will permit you to review statistics for all the major schools in the El Paso region, or anywhere in CONUS. You can also get reports mailed to you, and see maps of where the schools are located and see the feeder schools for each High School. POCs, addresses, and phone numbers for each school are provided. Great asset for folks anticipating living in town.

The primary High Schools servicing Ft. Bliss families in quarters are Austin and Andress. Large military populations are also serviced by Irvin and Parkland in Northeast El Paso, Coronado, and Franklin in the West Side, and numerous schools in other parts of the city.

Name: Ysleta Independent School District

**Address:** 9600 Sims Drive

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 434-0000

WWW Link: http://www.ysleta.isd.tenet.edu

Proximity to site: Offices within 8 miles of Post

**Comments:** 

The YISD serves east El Paso and one small portion

of NE El Paso.

# **Private Schools**

There are different types of private schools from which to choose. Parochial, non-denominational and independent schools are increasing in numbers in the El Paso area. Parochial schools are defined as a school supported and directed by the parish of a church. Many El Paso schools consider themselves non-denominational even though they may be run by a church.

Independent schools have no religious affiliation and may adopt a certain method of teaching and exist only for the education of gifted or challenged students. El Paso's private school student bodies range from 6 to 765. Class size varies from 6 to 45. Average annual tuition varies from \$550 to over \$4,000.

To learn more about the private schools in the El Paso area please contact the Fort Bliss school liasion, Pam Brown at (915) 562-5109.

For more information on Homeschooling in the El Paso area, please access the attached website.

Name: El Paso Private Schools

#### WWW Link:

http://www.elpasotimesrealestate.com/districts/privateschools.html

#### **Comments:**

This link from the El Paso Newspaper will provide information on private schools across the city, as well as allowing you to view schools be different geographical area.

Name: Southwest Homeschooling Network

**Address:** PO Box 371703

City: El Paso, TX 79937-1703

**Phone:** 915 859-5092

E-Mail: shn-network@users.dzn.com

WWW Link: http://www.dzn.com/~shn-network

# **Colleges and Universities**

For more information on this subject: Links to High Schools, Colleges, Universities http://rgfn.epcc.edu/education/index.html

El Paso has 1 university, 1 community college and 3 private colleges (located on Fort Bliss), 7 Business & Secretarial; 20 Industrial, Technical & Trade; 4 Beauty Schools; 3 Medical & Dental Assistant & Technician Schools; 1 Merchandising & Design School. For more information regarding the schools not listed see the local phone book.

Name: El Paso Community College, Transmountain Campus

Address: 9570 Gateway North

City: El Paso, TX 79904

**Phone:** (915) 562-4004/831-5000 E-Mail: ednas@nmail.epcc.edu

WWW Link:

http://www.epcc.edu/Campus/Tm/tmhome.htm

**Proximity to site:** 5 miles, with classes also held on

base

#### **Comments:**

El Paso Community College offers campuses located across the city as well as holding classes on base. The college offers Associate Degrees in numerous areas. Financial aid is available to qualifying individuals. VA assistance is available.

El Paso Community College 1998-99 Degrees and Certificates

# Occupational-Technical Programs

A program of study requiring at least 60 credit hours for completion and leading to the Associate of Applied Science Degree. These programs are normally designed to provide extensive trainig to qualify the student for employment in a field directly related to the major.

Associate of Applied Science Accounting Advertising Graphics and Design Automotive Technology

Child Development

Teaching Option, **Administration Option** 

**Computer Information Systems** 

**Computer Programming** Microcomputer Applications Telecommunications and Network Court and Conference Reporting

Criminal Justice

**Corrections Option** Law Enforcement Option

Dental Assisting Dental Hygiene Dietetic Technology

Drafting and Design Technology

Electronics Technology Environmental Technology

Fashion Technology

Fashion Design Illustration Merchandising

Fire Technology

Firefighter Option Fire Management Option

Food Service

Restaurant Management

Culinary Arts General Business Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Hotel/Motel Administration

**Human Services** 

**Aging Option** Mental Health/Mental Retardation Option Substance Abuse Option Youth Services Option Interior Design Technology **International Trade and Business** Legal Assistant

Management

Media Production Technology Medical Assisting Technology Medical Laboratory Technology

Medical Record Technology

Nursing

Office Information Systems Ophthalmic Technology

Physical Therapist Assistant

Radiologic Technology

Real Estate

Respiratory Care Technology

Sign Language/Interpreter Preparation

Surgical Technology

Travel and Tourism

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Arts and Sciences Program

A program of study requiring at least 60 credit hours for completion and leading to either the Associate of Arts or the Associate of Science Degree. These programs normally satisfy the requirements for the first two years of a four-year degree which may be completed by the student upon transfer to a university.

Associate of Arts Degree Art

Business Administration Communication Studies

Drama

English

Women's Studies

Exercise and Sports Science

Foreign Language

General Studies

History

Liberal Arts

Mass Communication

Music

Psychology

Social Sciences

**Border Studies** 

Chicano Studies

Political Science

Sociology

Teacher Preparation: Elementary Teacher Preparation: Secondary

Associate of Science Degree

Architecture

**Biological Sciences** 

Pre-Dentistry

Pre-Medicine

Pre-Veterinary

Pre-Pharmacy

Chemistry

Communication Disorders Science

Pre-Engineering

Geology

**Health Occupations** 

Mathematics

Pre-Nursing

Physics

**Professional Communication** 

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Certificate Programs

A program of study requiring less than 60 credit hours for completion and leading to a Certificate of Completion. These programs are normally designed to provide short term training necessary to develop entry-level job skills without requiring completion of an Associate Degree.

Certificates of Completion Basic Accounting Applications

Fine Arts

Two-Dimensional Studio Art Three-Dimensional Studio Art Art Administration

Automotive Technology

Driveability Technician

Child Development Associate Credential

Computer Operations

Data Entry

**Basic Computer Application Skills** 

Microcomputer Applications

Legal Stenographer/Scopist

**Dental Assisting** 

Electronics

Computer Network Systems Technician Entry-level Electronics Technician

Emergency Medical Technology/Paramedic

Basic

Intermediate

Fundamentals of Environmental Technology

**Industrial Patternmaking** 

Culinary Arts

General Business

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

# Residential HVAC Technician

Interior Design Technology

Personal Design
International Trade and Business
Legal Assistant
Medical Assisting Technology
Fundamentals of Nursing
Vocational Nursing
Office Occupations
Information Processing
Dispensing Optician
Pharmacy Technology
Real Estate

Sign Language/Interpreter Preparation

American Sign Language Travel Counselor/Airline Reservationist Diagnostic Ultrasound Technology

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# Tech-Prep Enhanced Skills Certificates

These certificates provide advanced studies in specific associate of applied science programs. Completion of these skills certificates enhances employability and ofers specialized training. In most cases, students must complete an associate degree program or meet specific collegel-level prerequisites to enroll.

Tech-Prep Enhanced Skills Certificates Accounting Applications Automotive Technology - Electronics and Fuel Systems

Border Health Issues

Dental Assisting
Dental Hygiene
Medical Assisting Technology
Medical Laboratory Technology
Medical Records Technology
Ophthalmic Technology
Physical therapist Assistant
Radiologic Technology
Surgical Technology
Child Development
Microcomputer Applications

Criminal Justice

Orthodontic Assistant

Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant

Dental Practice Management Assistant

**Public Health Nutrition** 

Drafting and Design Technology

**Electronic Communication** 

Food Service - Advanced Cuisine

Heating, Ventiliation and Air Conditioning

Hospitality Industry

Nursing

Home Health Care

Gerontological Nursing

Medical-Surgical Nursing

Maternal-Infant Nursing

Office Information Systems

Respiratory Care Technology - Advanced Level

Skills and Content

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Name: Fort Bliss Education Office

Address: Building 639 Merritt Road

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX 7916 **Phone:** (915) 568-5635/5111 **Proximity to site:** on post

Name: New Mexico State University

**City:** Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001

**Phone:** (505) 646-0111

WWW Link: http://www.nmsu.edu/

**Proximity to site:** 60 miles

**Comments:** 

New Mexico State University is a fully accredited university located 1 hour north of El Paso in Las Cruces. For information on admissins, financial aid,

adademics please visit their website.

Name: Park College Address: PO Box 8039 City: Fort Bliss, TX Phone: (915) 562-8450

WWW Link: http://www.park.edu
Proximity to site: On base classes

#### **Comments:**

Park College is an innovative college on the cutting edge of the future, utilizing creative ways to educate its students. Park offers traditional and accelerated, extended (accelerated) and distance learning methods. Traditional classes are held during the day on the Home Campus, accelerated classes meet on weekends and evenings at Resident Centers in the Kansas City area and 19 states. Distance learning classes are offered on the Internet, through two-way interactive audio and video and CD-ROM courses.

Name: University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)

**Address:** 500 W. University Ave

**City:** El Paso, TX 79968 **Phone:** (915) 747-7000

WWW Link: http://www.utep.edu/

**Proximity to site:** 10 miles

#### **Comments:**

The University of Texas at El Paso El Paso, Texas 79968

(915) 747-5000

# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

**Business Administration** 

Accounting

**Computer Information Systems** 

**Economics** 

Finance

Management

Marketing

# Education

Inter-disciplinary Studies: Elementary.

If Secondary, select a major from those with an

asterisk (\*) on this table.

# Engineering

Computer Science Engineering: Civil

Engineering: Electrical

Engineering: Electrical (computer engineering)

Engineering: Industrial Engineering: Mechanical Engineering: Metallurgical

# Liberal Arts

# Anthropology

Art \*

Art: Ceramics

Art: General

Art: Graphic Design

Art: Metals

**Art: Painting** 

Art: Printmaking

Art: Sculpture

Broadcasting

Chicano Studies

**Communication Studies** 

Electronic Media

Media Advertising

Organizational Communications/Public Relations

Print Media Criminal Justice

English & American Literature \*

English: Creative Writing

French \*

German \*

Latin-American Studies

History \*

Journalism \*

Linguistics

Music \*

Music: Performance-Ballet

Music: Performance-Keyboard

Music: Performance-Orchestra/Band

Music: Performance-Vocal Music: Theory & Composition

Philosophy

Political Science \*

Psychology \*

Social Work

Sociology \*

Spanish \*

Speech \*

Theatre Arts \*

**Undecided-General Studies** 

Nursing & Health Sciences

Health Science

Kinesiology & Sports Medicine

Nursing

Speech/Language Pathology

Clinical Laboratory Science

Science

Biology \*

Chemistry \*

Geology

Geophysics

Mathematical Sciences \*

Microbiology

Physics \*

Statistics

Science-Undecided

**Pre-Professional Programs** 

**AER Aerospace Studies** 

**DEN Dentistry** 

LAW Law

MED Medicine

PHA Pharmacy

VET Veterinary Medicine

PT Physical Therapy

OT Occupational Therapy

Name: Webster University

Address: 5290 McNutt Road

City: Santa Teresa, NM

**Phone:** (505) 598-1566

WWW Link: http://www.websteruniv.edu

**Proximity to site:** 15 miles, with classes on base

Comments:

Webster University is bases out of St. Louis with campuses nationwide offering graduate programs in

a variety of areas.

**Graduate Programs** 

Master of Arts

5,312 students enrolled worldwide

Master of Business Administration 2,587 students enrolled worldwide

Master of Arts in Teaching

945 students enrolled worldwide

New Graduate Programs

Arts Management and Leadership

Nurse Anesthesia

**Environmental Management** 

# **Adult or Continuing Education**

For more information on this subject: HIgh School, Colleges, and University websites http://rgfn.epcc.edu/education/index.html

The Education Center on Fort Bliss has a wealth of information for soldiers and/or spouses wanting to continue, go back or start an education. They should be your first point of contact. Retired military and DA civilian may also use the resources.

Fort Bliss Education Office Building 639 Fort Bliss, TX (915) 568-5635/5111

Mickelsen Libary is available on Post to provide both recreational and educational references to support off and on-duty education quests.

Name: El Paso Community College (Transmountain Campus) Address: 9570 Gateway North City: El Paso, TX Phone: (915) 562-4004

Name: Mickelsen LIbary

POC: Donna E. Ramsey Reference Librarian

Address: ATTN: ATSA-MS-L

2 Sheridan Road

City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916-3802

Phone: (915) 615/1902

DSN Phone: 978-6156/1902

E-Mail: MickelsenL@emh10.bliss.army.mil

WWW Link: http://147.71.210.21/library/

#### Comments:

**Proximity to site:** On Post

Welcome to the United States Army Air Defense Artillery (ADA) School's Mickelsen Library Web Site. Since its beginnings, the Library has served the information needs of Fort Bliss and the ADA School. The Library functions as a vital part of Fort Bliss.

As the Library is divided into two unique areas and supports two different missions, click on either General Side or School Side to see each side's mission and other information.

We hope this web site provides its visitors with insight and a primary understanding of the Library. Up to date information on happenings in the Library may be acquired by reading "The Library Corner" in the "Monitor" published for the Fort Bliss/El Paso, Texas Community each week.

Name: University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)

Address: 500 W. University Ave

City: El Paso, TX 79968

Phone: (915) 747-5142

WWW Link: http://www.utep.edu

# **Special Education**

For more information on this subject: Links to El Paso School Districts via Ft. Bliss http://www.bliss.army.mil/Fort%20Bliss%20Info/localinfo/html/localinfo-school.htm

The El Paso public schools comply with all federal public school special education laws.

A variety of Special Education Services are offered in the El Paso, Socorro, and Ysleta school districts. If your child is currently enrolled in a special education program, it is vital that the principal or counselor be notified of this fact at the time of registration. If you feel that your child is in need of referral to a special education program, work with the school principal to set up the testing process. Further information can be obtained from your child's school or from contacting the Special Education Departments:

For assistance locating additional services available or targeting the special education services that best match your needs. Please contact the Education Specialist Liaison at 562-5109.

Name: El Paso Independent School District Special Ed
Phone: (915) 779-3781

Name: Socorro Independent School District Special Ed
Phone: (915) 860-3400

Name: Ysleta Independent School District Special

Ed

**Phone:** (915) 434-0000

# **Employment**

# **Employment Overview**

For more information on this subject: Jobs in the El Paso Area http://www.elpasocareerpath.com/

Jobs located on Fort Bliss generally pay better than the local community. However, employment on the post is very competitive.

Teaching positions in grades K-12 are not readily available. Family members with teacher certification from other states often substitute teach.

Appropriated and Non-appropriated fund jobs at Fort Bliss are few due to the military down-sizing, however, a few job openings do become available

A new job announcement list is each week. published weekly. For a listing of job vacancies at Fort Bliss, call the 24-hour job line at (915)568-6232. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1100-1300, Building 505, Pershing Road appropriated and nonappropriated representatives are available. They can provide you with information on current job listings, job applications and any other questions you may have. Military spouses may be eligible for preference in some Department of Defense (DOD) hiring. DOD has directed NAF Personnel Offices to give employment preference to spouses of active duty military members of the Armed Forces who are relocating because of Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders. To be eligible for preference, the spouse must have received official orders authorizing the PCS relocation. If the sponsor's orders are for training purposes, then the training must be considered long term, i.e. 12 months or more. For training less than 12 months, employment consideration at the time on DA Form 3433, Application of Employment - NAFI", is submitted to Civilian Personnel. The application must include a copy of the sponsor's PCS orders and a completed "Certification of Eligibility for Spouse Preference". A complete application packet will be required each time the spouse applies. Eligibility begins 30 days prior to reporting date to the new duty location. Once a spouse has used this preference to obtain a NAF job, they are not allowed to receive spouse preference again while the soldier is at Fort Bliss.

For job hunting purposes be sure to hand carry the following when you move; all employment records, resumes, college transcripts, certificates, licenses, and last performance appraisal, SF 171 and 50 if applicable. Do not let the movers pack these items.

El Paso is primarily a manufacturing city, with wages around minimum wage. Bi-lingual persons (Spanish-English) have a better opportunity to land a job in sales. The unemployment rate for the city hovers around 10%.

The office for the Texas Workforce Commission (Unemployment) is located just outside the Post.

# **Federal Civilian Employment for Spouses**

For more information on this subject: USA Jobs for Federal Jobs in the El Paso area http://www.usajobs.opm.gov

Spouse preference for Appropriated Fund Positions is afforded only through the DOD Priority Placement Program. In order to be eligible, the spouse must be

already serving on an expected appointment overseas or on a career or career-conditional appointment at the time the PCS orders are issued. The spouse must be placed on leave without pay or be separated from their appointment due to PCS in order to receive spouse preference priority placement consideration. Registration for departing spouses may be accomplished 30 days prior to sponsor's reporting date at the new duty location. An appointment for registration may be obtained by calling the Civilian Personnel Office at (915) 568-6398.

Job announcements and further information for Approriated and Non Appropriate funds can be obtained Tuesday and Thursday from 1100-1300 in Building 505. Touch-screen computers with Internet access are available in Building 505 to permit access to job announcements throughout the working day.

See the Government Employment Subject Area below for additional information on federal, state and county employment.

Please see the linked website for access to all federal jobs in the El Paso area.

Name: Army Employment Opportunities (Civil

Service and MWR)

City: Fort Bliss, TX WWW Link:

http://cpol.army.mil/va/scripts/public.html

# **Comments:**

By viewing the CPOL website attached, visitors can access current Civil Service and MWR vacancy announcements for the Army and can localize to Fort Bliss.

Name: Federal Employment in the El Paso area

WWW Link: http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/

#### **Comments:**

US Office of Personnel Management:

By accessing USAJOBS, visitors can review all Federal job vacancies (not just Army) in the El Paso area.

Name: Fort Bliss Civilian Personnel Action Center
Address: Bldg 504B
City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916
Phone: (915) 568-6232
FAX: (915) 568-4240
DSN Phone: 978-6232
DSN FAX: 978-4240

WWW Link:

http://www.bliss.army.mil/services/cpac/cpacmap.ht

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**Proximity to site:** On Base

**Comments:** 

The CPAC web page will provide access to current Civil Service and MWR vacancies on Fort Bliss.

# **Permanent Employment Resources**

For more information on this subject: Texas Workforce Commission http://www.twc.state.tx.us/jobs/jobx/express.html

The Community Services Family Member Employment Assistance Services can assist service members and family members in the job search process at Fort Bliss.

The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) can assist soldiers ETSing or Retiring.

The Fort Bliss CPAC offers a 24-hour job line at (915) 568-6232.

For assistance with job search or unemployment benefits please contact the:

Texas Workforce Commission 6400 Boeing Dr El Paso, TX (915) 779-5841 and visit their website on the attached link.

Please visit the websites listed under Federal employement and Employment Overview as well as Private Employment for additional information on employment resources in the El Paso area.

# **Temporary Employment Resources**

For more information on this subject: El Paso Classified Adds http://www.elpasoclassifieds.com

Many family members stationed at Fort Bliss find employment with national temporary employment services such as Manpower and Kelly Services or with a local no-fee employment agency. Manpower has clerical, industrial, and professional/technical personnel. Kelly Services has more clerical positions than professional positions.

Please visit the Texas Works Internet link listed under Private Employment.

\* Note: This list is not all-inclusive. See local phone book for over 30 agency listings. We do not endorse one agency over another.

Name: Gail Darling Temporaries
Address: 4150 Rio Bravo
City: El Paso, TX
Phone: (915) 532-5605
Proximity to site: 10 miles

Name: Kelly Temporaries

Address: 8340 Gateway East

City: El Paso, TX

Phone: (915) 594-8239

Proximity to site: 8 miles

**Comments:** 

Provides temporary employment with regards to office, marketing, light industrial, or technical support work.

Name: Manpower Temporary Service
Address: Executive Center Blvd
City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 533-2697

**Comments:** 

Provides temporary employment with regards to office, marketing, light industrial, or technical support work.

Name: Snelling Temporaries

Address: Corporate Office 118, Castellano Dr,

Suite B

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 532-9400

**Comments:** 

Provides temporary employment with regards to office, marketing, light industrial, or technical support work.

Name: Talent Tree

Address: 1550 Hawkins Blvd #12

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 594-8181

**Comments:** 

Provides temporary employment with regards to office, marketing, light industrial, or technical support work.

# **Non-Paid or Volunteer Opportunities**

For more information on this subject: TX Dept of Human Services Volunteer Services http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/

Volunteers are the backbone of many organizations. Whether you decide to volunteer instead of or in addition to paid employment there are a variety of benefits associated with volunteering; Volunteers keep skills current and up-to-date, may learn new skills to become more marketable, or to fill a need in the community.

Family members who are unable to find immediate employment are encouraged to volunteer their skills with one of the many installation agencies who utilize volunteers. Some of the advantages of volunteering are up to 16 hours of paid child care, great work experience, networking and satisfaction for a job well done. Placements are available in over 30 locations.

For individuals desiring to volunteer outside of the military community, numerous opportunities are available with the American Red Cross, Private Non-Profits, or with the Texas Department of Human Services.

Name: American Red Cross

Address: Building 45, Slater Road

City: Fort Bliss, TX 79906 **Phone:** (915) 568-5085/4898 Proximity to site: On Base

**Comments:** The ARC oversees all volunteer positions at

William Beaumont Army Medical Center.

Name: Community Services Volunteer Coordinator

**Address:** Building 2494 City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-4440

Name: Texas Dept of Human Services-Volunteer

Services

Address: 6451 Boeing City: El Paso, TX 79925 **Phone:** (915) 783-8758 **Proximity to site:** 1 Mile

**Comments:** 

The TDHS Volunteer program can assist in the placement of volunteers across the city and across the spectrum of volunteer needs.

El Paso is located in the TDHS Region 10 area of responsibility.

# Chambers of Commerce

For more information on this subject: El Paso Chamber of Commerce http://www.elpaso.org/main.htm

Seventy Fortune 500 companies have divisions or subsidiaries in El Paso and Juarez, also known as the Twin Cities. These companies include Ford, General Motors, Johnson & Johnson, PHelps Dodge, ASarco, and Rockwell International.

There are also many Japanese corporations here including Seiko, Epson, Toshiba, Samitomo, and Yazaki.

Name: El Paso Chamber of Commerce

Address: 10 Civic Center Plaza

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 534-0500

Name: Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Address: 2829 Montana Ave City: El Paso, TX 79903 **Phone:** (915) 566-4066

# **Private Sector Employment**

For more information on this subject: Texas Workforce Commission within El Paso area

http://www.twc.state.tx.us/

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) offers a wide variety of assistance for those seeking employment. You may contact the TWC at (915)779-5841, located 6400 Boeing Drive, El Paso, TX.

TWC can be contacted at 1-888-JOBS-4TX (1-888-562-7489)

Please review the attached website link for access to private jobs, local government jobs, and temporary jobs across El Paso.

Name: El Paso Times (Newspaper)

WWW Link: http://www.elpasotimes.com

#### **Comments:**

By accessing the El Paso Daily Newspaper, you can see what types of jobs are available as well as reviewing career paths and post your resume for local employers!

# **Government Employment**

Appropriated and Non-appropriated fund jobs at Fort Bliss are few due to the military downsizing, however, a few job openings do become available each week. A new job announcement list is published each week. For listing of job vacancies at Fort Bliss, call the 24 hour job line (915) 568-4755, or access the CPAC website listed below. Most job announcements are now requiring electronic submissions for resumes and self-nominations for positions. Please visit the website below for the West Civilian Personnel Operations Center (WCPOC) for detailed information on Resumix, the automated referral system.

The war against drugs has brought an abundance of federal agencies into El Paso, improving the chances of federal employment outside of the Army. Please access USAJOBS to view those opportunities.

Name: Army Civilian Personnel Office

WWW Link: http://www.cpol.army.mil

# **Comments:**

This website will permit you to check on Army jobs open at Fort Bliss and WBAMC.

Name: Army, Air Force Exchange Services

(AAFES)

Address: Building 55
City: Fort Bliss, TX
Phone: (915) 562-8851

WWW Link:

http://odin.aafes.com/Employment/index.asp

#### **Comments:**

This website will provide information on employment opportunities with AAFES.

**Name:** Civilian Personnel Assistance Center (CPAC)

**POC:** Pre-recorded job line

**Address:** Building 504

City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-4755, DSN 978-4755

# WWW Link:

http://www.bliss.army.mil/services/cpac/cpacmap.ht m

#### **Comments:**

Viewing the CPAC website will provide you with the current listing of Civil Service and MWR (NAF) jobs available on Fort Bliss.

Name: Commissary

Address: Building 1717 City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916

**Phone:** (915) 568-4022

WWW Link: http://www.commissaries.com

Name: Federal Jobs in El Paso

**POC: USAJOBS** 

WWW Link: http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/

#### **Comments:**

Accessing USAJOBS will provide information on all available Federal jobs in the El Paso area, to include FBI, DEA, Customs, Immigation, Border Patrol, etc.

Name: West Civilian Personnel Operations Center (WCPOC)

WWW Link: http://www.wcpoc.army.mil

#### Comments

This website will provide access to jobs in the El Paso/Fort Bliss region, plus provide the necessary information and forms to submit your resume using the new RESUMIX format and to make self nominations for positions you are interested in.

# **Professional or Occupational Licensing**

The following is a list of licensing agencies for the State of Texas.

Name: Practical Nurse

**POC:** Board of Nursing and Examiners

Address: 1300 E. Anderson Lane, Bldg C, Ste 285

City: Austin, TX

**Phone:** (512) 835-2071

Name: Registered Nurse
<b>POC:</b> Board of Nurse Examiners
Address: PO Box 140466
City: Austin, TX 78714
<b>Phone:</b> (512) 535-4880

Name: Teacher Certification
POC: Texas Education Agency
Address: 1701 North Congress Ave.
City: Austin, TX 78701
<b>Phone:</b> (512) 463-8976

Name: Child Care
POC: Texas Dept of Human Services
Address: 5150 El Paso Drive
City: El Paso, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 775-4444

Name: Residential Child Care Licensing
Address: 1401 Pendale Rd
City: El Paso, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 594-4200

Name: Real Estate
POC: El Paso Board of Realtors
Address: 6400 Gateway East
City: El Paso, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 779-3521
Proximity to site: 7 miles

Name: Cosmetology
POC: Texas Cosmetology Commission
Address: 5717 Balcones
City: Austin, TX 78731
<b>Phone:</b> (512) 454-3782

Name: Social Work
<b>POC:</b> Texas State Board of Social Examiners
City: Austin, TX
Phone: 1-800-232-3162/(512) 454-3782

Name: Family Child Care Provider
Address: Bldg 1730
City: Ft Bliss, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 568-4198

# **Networking Opportunities**

For more information on this subject: El Paso Times (Newspaper) http://www.elpasotimes.com The military spouse who is seeking to develop a personal career must tackle the problem imposed by frequent moves. Networking before you move as well as after you arrive can sometimes be the key to a successful job search.

Some "Tips" include:

Check to see if your present employer has a facility in the local area. A transfer may be possible.

Talk about your move to friends, relatives or coworkers they may have some ideas that can help.

Request a Sponsor and communicate!

Subscribe to local area newspaper.

Contact local Chamber of Commerce for local business listings.

Contact local chapters of professional organizations.

Check with the state offices for requirements on licensed or certified positions.

Contact the local ACS/ACAP for information

Check the Internet!

# **Medical And Dental**

# **Medical and Dental Overview**

For more information on this subject: William Beaumont Army Medical Center http://www.wbamc.amedd.army.mil

Thirteen private hospitals, one public hospital and one military hospital provide more that 2,300 beds for use by the community. The city has two designated trauma centers.

William Beaumont Army Medical Center is the focal point for military personnel and family members requiring medical care. Named after an Army physician who served during the war of 1812, the present 12-story medical center building was opened in 1972, providing a total of 364 beds. Encompassing over one-half million square feet, the structure houses many departments and clinics which provide a full range of treatment and training capabilities. In addition to the Medical Center, health care is provided at the Consolidated Troop Medical Clinic and at various Dental Clinics. The William Beaumont mission also includes operation of the

Army's first Residential Treatment Facility for substance and alcohol abuse and a regional trauma unit. Other activities include medical clinical investigations, preventive medicine, and mental health. Additionally, a full service Veterans Affairs Hospital is adjacent to the main hospital complex.

# **Medical Services/Directory - on Installation**

The following list of clinics and services and is intended for a quick reference to assist you in finding the telephone numbers of various clinics and services. Other specific information, problems, complaints, or requests for assistance may be brought to the attention of the Patient Assistance Officer, Room 3-4, Main hospital, 569-2692.

**Medical Services/Directory - on Installation** 

		on Installation
Clinic	POC	Number
Acute Clinic		(915) 569-2423
Admissions		(915) 569-2526
Adolescent Clinic		(915) 569-2262
Ambulance, Emergency		(915) 569-2331
American Red Cross		(915) 569-2483
Appointments		(915) 680-7600
Cardiology		(915) 569-1840
Casulty Clerk		569-2503
Chaplain		(915) 569-2235
Commander		(915) 569-2201
DEERS		(915) 569-2689
Developmental Pediatrics		(915) 569-2260
Emergency		(915) 569-2209
Endocrine Clinic		(915) 569-2737
Exceptional Family Member		(915) 569-1830
Program (EFMP)		
Family Practice Clinic		(915) 569-3858
General Outpatient		(915) 569-2432
Hematology/Oncology		(915) 569-2585
Immunization		(915) 569-2129
Information		(915) 569-2121
Information (hospital)		(915) 569-2121
Laboratory		(915) 569-2231
Mental Health		(915) 569-2818
OB-GYN		(915) 569-2755
Outpatient Records		(915) 569-2642
Patient Appointment		(915) 569-2262
Patient Appointment Toll Free		1-800-831-0919
Number		
Pediatric		(915) 569-2417
Pharmacy		(915) 569-2695
Preventive Medicine		(915) 568-4383
Primary Care		(915) 569-2539
Psychiatry		(915) 569-2847
Psychology		(915) 569-2818
Residential Treatment Facility		(915) 569-1261
(RTF)		
Social Work Services		((915) 569-2800
Surgical		(915) 569-2787
Tri Care		(915) 680-7600
Troop Medical Clinic, bldg 2496		(915) 568-4208
Well Baby		(915) 569-2417

# Health Benefits Advisor, Wellness, and CHAMPUS/TRICARE Programs

For more information on this subject: TRI-Care http://www.triwest.com

With the world changing around us healthy bodies are essential with today's fast pace of life. Below is a list of a few programs Fort Bliss has incorporated to assist families with education and prevention.

Name: Community Health Nurse

Address: Building 2496

City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916

Phone: (915) 568-7588

Name: My Tricare

WWW Link: http://www.mytricare.com

#### **Comments:**

#### About PGBA

Welcome to myTRICARE.com by PGBA! If you're looking for basic information about the TRICARE program, you're in the right place! Any questions? Check out Frequently Asked Questions, and you may find exactly what you're looking for. Thanks for visiting our site, and come back often to see what's new!

Palmetto Government Benefits Administrators (PGBA) is a fiscal intermediary for the military's TRICARE (formerly CHAMPUS) health benefits program. Over the years, we have worked hard to earn both the government's and our beneficiaries' trust. Today, we have the privilege of serving 82.5% of the TRICARE Administrative Services market.

We serve approximately three million TRICARE beneficiaries in 46 states. In 1999, we processed over 25 million claims, administering over \$3.2 billion in benefits. Since our initial entry into the CHAMPUS program in 1981, our staff has grown to more than 3,000 dedicated professionals. PGBA is one of the largest divisions of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina.

But beyond the numbers is our focus on becoming a customer-driven service organization. We have taken a hard look at how we have handled TRICARE claims and service in the past and we have restructured how we do business. We expand upon our successes and learn from our mistakes. We are developing better tools and technology to serve our customers, providers and partners and building stronger relationships. myTRICARE.com by PGBA, and myTRICARE claims, are two of these new tools that use exciting technology to bring us closer to you. We hope that you will take advantage of the interactive features of this Web site, and let us hear from you. Tell us what you like, what you need, and how we can better serve you.

Name: Nutrition
Address: WBAMC
City: Fort Bliss, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 569-2575

Name: Patient Assistance Officer
POC: Sarah Smith
Address: WBAMC
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 569-2692
<b>Proximity to site:</b> 2 miles

Name: Preventive Medicine
Address: Bldg 118
City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 568-4383

Name: Tri Care
Address: William Beaumont Army Medical Center
City: Fort Bliss, TX 79920
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 680-7600
WWW Link: http://www-
tradoc army mil/cmdpubs/tricare/page1 htm

# **Community Hospitals**

For more information on this subject: El Paso Health Care Providers http://www.elpaso.org/community/index.htm

El Paso is the health care center for much of the Southwest and Mexico. The city's health care facilities include, 13 private hospitals, more than 23,000 beds, one public hospital and one Army medical center.

William Beaumont Army Medical Center, one of the seven largest U.S. Army general hospitals in the nation, provides an additional 479 beds for the area.

El Paso is home to a campus of the Texas Tech University School of Medicine which serves as a full-time teaching facility for third and fourth year medical students. In addition, continuing education programs for doctors are offered through the William Beaumont Army Medical Center and Providence Memorial Hospital.

El Paso also has a well-organized public health services program managed by the state-directed City-County Health Department.

For those in need of a physician referral, call the El Paso County Medical Society Referral Service at (915)533-0981.

Name: Sierra Medical Center
Address: 1625 Medical Center Dr
City: El Paso, TX 79902
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 747-4000
Proximity to site: 8 miles

Name: Providence Memorial Hospital
Address: 2001 North Oregon
City: El Paso, TX 79902
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 577-6011
Proximity to site: 12 miles

Name: Thomason Hospital
Address: 4815 Alameda
City: El Paso, TX 79905
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 544-1200
Proximity to site: 10 miles

Name: Columbia Medical Center - West
Address: 1801 N. Oregon
City: El Paso, TX 79902
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 521-1200
<b>Proximity to site:</b> 12 miles

Name: Southwestern General Hospital
Address: 1221 N. Cotton
City: El Paso, TX 79905
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 533-9361
Proximity to site: 8 miles

Name: Columbia - East
Address: 10301 Gateway West
City: El Paso, TX 79906
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 595-9000
Proximity to site: 15 miles

Name: Columbia Behavioral Center	
Address: 1155 Idaho Street	
City: El Paso, TX	
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 544-4000	

Name: Columbia Rehabilitation Hospital		
Address: 300 Waymore		
City: El Paso, TX		
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 577-2600		

Name: Rio Vista Rehabilitation Hospital
Address: 1740 Curie Drive
City: El Paso, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 544-3399

# **Dental Services/Directory - on Installation**

For more information on this subject:

Fort Bliss DENTAC

http://www.bliss.army.mil/services/dentac/index.html

The mission of the U.S. Army Dental Activity, (DENTAC) Fort Bliss, is to provide quality, well-managed dental health care services to support the dental readiness of Fort Bliss soldiers.

The DENTAC operates four dental clinics, varying in size and service available. Full dental services are available for active duty service members through assigned dental clinics on Fort Bliss or WBAMC. With the exception of emergency services, dental service is not available for family members or retirees.

In an emergency, all clinics are open from 0730 - 1630, Monday - Friday. After duty hours emergencies, defined as care to relieve severe pain, bleeding, swelling and infection, go to William Beaumont Army Medical Center (WBAMC) Emergency Room.

# **Dental Services/Directory - on Installation**

Clinic	POC	Number
Dental Clinic #1 (WBAMC)		(915) 569- 2511
Dental Clinic #2		(915) 568-1671/1673
Dental Clinic #3		(915) 568-1101/1102
Troop Dental Clinic		(915) 568-1281

# **Family Member Dental Plan**

For more information on this subject: United Concordia Tricare Family Dental Plan http://www.ucci.com Family members that are currently enrolled in the FMDP (Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan) do not need to sign up for the new dental plan. If you have never enrolled your family members you can enroll by filling out a DD Form 2494, or DD Form

2494-1 (located in your personnel office). For questions regarding enrollment, please contact your Health Benefit Advisor, Installation Contact or your Personnel Office. Once you are enrolled in the dental plan, you receive dental care from any licensed/authorized dentist of choice. For more information you may contact the Health Care Benefits Advisor at WBAMC by calling (915) 569-2543 or United Concordia 1-800-866-8499.

With the exception of emergency service, on post dental service is not available for family members or retirees. For an emergency, all clinics are open from 0730 - 1630, Monday - Friday. After duty hours emergencies, defined as care to relieve severe pain, bleeding, swelling and infection, go to William Beaumont Army Medical Center (WBAMC) Emergency Room.

For a complete list of dentists under the United Concordia Plan please contact the Medical Benefits Advisor at William Beaumont Army Medical Center (WBAMC), 1st Floor or call (915) 569-2801.

Name: TFMDP Customer Service

**POC:** United Concordia Com

Address: United Concordia Companies, Inc.

TFMDP Customer Service PO Box 898218

**City:** Camp Hill, PA 17089-8218 **Phone:** CONUS (1-800-866-8499)

WWW Link: http://www.ucci.com

#### **Comments:**

The TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan (TFMDP) is a comprehensive and affordable dental plan available to eligible spouses and children of active duty Uniformed Service members. The TFMDP has cost shares, benefit maximums and coverage limitations similar to typical group dental insurance plans. To be eligible for TFMDP enrollment, sponsors must intend to remain on active duty for at least 24 months and this commitment must be confirmed by their parent Uniformed Service. Enrollment and/or changes to enrollment can be accomplished by filling out a DD Form 2494 or 2494-1 at the sponsor's servicing personnel office. Please read these forms carefully as they provide detailed information on enrollment options, limitations and when TFMDP coverage begins. Upon enrollment, the sponsor must pay the monthly premium through their Uniformed Services payroll account - the Government pays 60% of monthly premiums. Before providing care to family members, some dental providers may ask to see a copy of the sponsor's Leave and Earnings Statement showing the dental plan payroll deduction. Coverage is worldwide and portable between assignments. United Concordia Companies, Inc. (UCCI) administers the TFMDP. Detailed TFMDP coverage and enrollment information can be found in the TFMDP benefit booklet. For more information about the program, visit UCCI's web site or contact them at 1-800-866-8499 for information on the TFMDP in the United States. Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, or 1-717-975-5017 (toll call) for information on the TFMDP in all other locations. In overseas locations, enrolled sponsors and family members must contact their servicing overseas dental treatment facility and/or Overseas Lead Agent before seeking treatment from host-nation dental providers, except for emergency care.

# Housing

# **Housing Overview**

For more information on this subject: PCS House Express for Housing Status

http://www.armyhousing.net/Installations/Bliss.htm

Family housing at Fort Bliss is available to all grades. However, there is a waiting time that varies from one month to 24 months. El Paso has a number of apartment complexes within reasonable distance of the post. Apartment guides are available at the Housing Office, building 504A and Community Services Relocation Section, building 505.

In order to assist incoming personnel permanently assigned to Fort Bliss, the post has an Community Housing Referral Office (CHRRS) which provides relocation and referral services and maintains up-to-date information on many apartments and rental houses in the local community. The office also serves as a community home finding function and has information on houses for sale. The CHRRS office is immediately adjacent to the Housing Office, building 504A. Telephone numbers are commercial (915)568-2898 or DSN 978-2898.

It has normally been Fort Bliss policy to grant a certificate of non-availability of government quarters to those who are authorized quarters for which the waiting period is greater than 30 days at the time of arrival. This policy, with some exception, is still

followed. The certificate allows the incoming soldier to buy or rent available housing in the El Paso area and continue to receive basic allowance for quarters. The CHRRS office must be contacted before any offpost housing arrangement other than temporary overnight accommodations are made in order to receive the certificate. All incoming personnel must also apply for on-post housing within thirty days of signing in at Fort Bliss, also by contacting the CHRRS office.

The Single Soldier has not been forgotten here at Ft. Bliss. Massive barracks construction and renovation projects and two new state of the art Dining Facilities demonstrate the Post's committment to the quality of life for the Single Soldier.

# **Housing Allowances**

For more information on this subject: DFAS BAH Website http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html

For BAH information check the attached links.

For housing information contact the Housing Office at (915) 568-2653/2991 or DSN 978-2653/2991.

# **Housing Allowances**

Housing allowance information is available from the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee's Web Site:		
Rates and Allowances Home Page	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html	
Basic Allowance for Housing	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bah.html	
Overseas Housing Allowance	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/allooha.html	

# **Government Housing**

For more information on this subject: PCS House Express (Housing Waiting Times) http://www.pcshouseexpress.com/installations/Bliss.h tm

Current housing status: To review the current housing status and waiting list times, please access the attached Internet link to PCS House Express.

Exception to Policy for On-Post Housing

Exception to policy for on-post housing must be limited so those soldiers who have been on the regular waiting list to obtain on-post housing as soon as possible. Here are the facts about exception to policy for on-post housing at Fort Bliss:

Exception to policy for on-post housing will not be approved for the following reasons: financial considerations only, lack of a driver's license by a spouse, just to be close to a medical center emergency room. In addition, exception to policy for on-post housing will not be approved for common medical problems such as: asthma, allergies, pregnancy, depression, behavior disorders, substance abuse, and well controlled seizure disorders.

Exception to policy for on-post housing at Fort Bliss is generally approved for soldiers who have family members that require housing modifications such as wheelchair accessibility, limited steps, and environmental modifications for severe cases based upon physician recommendation and approval from the hospital command.

The soldier must be enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) and have a family

member with a disability which requires the above mentioned housing modifications. If the soldier is not enrolled in EFMP, then the soldier must attend the EFMP Enrollment Briefing. The EFMP Enrollment Briefing takes place every Tuesday morning at 0830 at WBAMC Developmental Pediatrics which is located on the 3d floor of the WBAMC Bradley Building. The soldier and/or spouse must bring the family member's medical records and a black ink pen. The briefing lasts until 1030 hrs. Please do not bring any children to the briefing.

The soldier who is applying for exception to policy for on-post housing must have the following:

A copy of the EFMP enrollment, which should be shown to the WBAMC physician writing the statement.

A medical statement from a physician at WBAMC which states the diagnosis, the date of onset of the disability, the prognosis, and a statement from the physician explaining why government housing is necessary, in other words, why the soldier should be placed above everyone else on the housing list. The physician must be a specialist for that disability or who knows about the family member's condition. The physician's medical statement must also have the Department Chief's approval and be cleared for release by the WBAMC Personnel Administration Division.

A Letter of Request through the soldier's complete chain of command with the above supporting documentation. The Letter of Request must state why the soldier is applying for an exception to policy for on-post housing.

The request must be taken to the Housing Office in Building 504A. Recommend the request be handcarried so it does not get lost and to speed up the process. The Housing Office will send the request to the Office of the Director of Health Services who will endorse the request and return it to the Housing Office. The Housing Office will then notify the soldier of approval or disapproval.

Questions can be directed to WBAMC EFMP Liaison at (915)569-2363 or DSN 979-2363.

BEQ/BOQ Policy for Single/Unaccompanied Officers/Senior NCOs

Fort Bliss housing maintains a total of 32 units for unaccompanied officers/senior NCOs. Bonafide bachelors have a current waiting list of approximately 15 days for a room. Geographical bachelors generally must wait approximately 120 days for a room. A \$45 deposit is required when receiving a room. There is no cost for the room. Maid service is not provided.

Accompanied/single service members in pay grades E-7 and above are authorized to live off post and to receive BAH at the without dependents rate.

FOR UP TO DATE HOUSING INFORMATION, PLEASE CHECK PCS HOUSE EXPRESS ON THE INTERNET AT THE ATTACHED WEBSITE

Name: Billeting Office		
Address: 1744 Victory Avenue		
City: Fort Bliss, TX		
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 565-7777 or 1-800-723-8130		

Name: Housing Referral Office		
Address: Building 504A		
City: Fort Bliss, TX		
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 568-2898		

# **Community Housing**

For more information on this subject: Homes for Sale http://www.elpasotxhomes.com/

The Community Homefinding Relocation and Referral Services (CHRRS) is part of the Housing Office and maintains updated listing on the availability of rental apartments and houses. Community Services Relocation Assistance Program will provides information on apartments in the area as well as the Real Estate Guide for those who may want to purchase a home. Before you decide on an apartment we advise you to consult Army Emergency Relief for assistance with initial rent and deposit. For further information contact the Relocation Assistance Program at (915)568-6332 or DSN 978-6332.

There are several relocation agencies in the area that provide personal arrangements for home finding (renting or buying, apartment or house) and other needs you may have. However, there is a fee for this service. Consult your local phone book for a detailed listing.

Contact the Fort Bliss CHRRS office at: COM (915) 568-2898 or DSN 978-2898 to obtain information about housing allowances.

Mobile Homes. There are 32 Mobile Home Parks listed in the El Paso Telephone Directory. These mobile home parks are located throughout the city and they vary in location and prices. Check with local phone directory for phone numbers and locations.

Name: Apartment Blue Book

POC: Sonja Scanlan

Address: 4150 Rio Bravo Suite 121

City: El Paso, TX 79902

**Phone:** 1-800-222-3651 (915) 771-0705

**FAX:** (915) 532-8998

WWW Link: http://www.abbonline.com

#### **Comments:**

This website will provide you access to ordering an El Paso Apartment Blue Book as well as permitting you to browse through the El Paso listings. It also provides various links to moving guides and checklists. Good place to visit.

Name: Apartment Guide

**POC:** Vivian Frietze

Address: 1200 golden Key Circle Ste A-327

**City:** El Paso, TX 79925 **Phone:** (915) 594-7467 **FAX:** (915) 594-8454

WWW Link: http://www.apartmentguide.com

# **Comments:**

This website will permit you to review apartments in the El Paso area, plus you can contact the company and order an Apartment Guide.

Name: Greater El Paso Association of Realtors

**Address:** 6400 Gateway East **City:** El Paso, TX 79905 **Phone:** (915) 779-3521

# **Utilities**

Electric power is provided by the El Paso Electric Company, which also supplies electricity to southwestern New Mexico and other points in West Texas. Price for electric varies based upon the type of heating/cooling system. If you have all electric your bill will be considerably higher than those using gas and the swamp cooler system.

Telephone service in El Paso is provided by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. There are

approximately 25 long distance companies available in the El Paso area. The choice can be made at the time an order for service is placed.

Water supply and sewage are administered by the El Paso Water Utilities. Although current water supplies are adequate for the anticipated growth of the city into the 21st century, the Public Service Board has implemented a detailed planning program aimed at providing a reliable supply of fresh water for the next 100 years. Average water bill is approximately \$55.00 per month.

Natural gas is distributed by Southern Union Gas Company. The company uses a mix interstate, intrastate and spot market gas; this affords their customers some of the lowest available rates along with one of the more stable gas supplies in the nation. Monthly average is \$20.00.

Cable service within El Paso and Fort Bliss (including the barracks) is provided by Time-Warner Communications. Rates vary with the level of service selected.

Name: El Paso Electric

Address: 303 N. Oregon

**City:** El Paso, TX **Phone:** (915) 543-5970

Name: El Paso Water Utilities

**Address:** 1154 Hawkins Street

**City:** El Paso, TX **Phone:** (915) 594-5500

Name: Southern Union Gas Company

Address: 4020 E. San Antonio St.

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 562-8411

Name: Southwestern Bell Telephone

**Address:** 500 Texas Ave

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** 1-800-464-7928

Name: Time Warner Communications (Cable TV)

Address: 7010 Airport Road

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 772-4422/8777

# **Relocation Services**

# **Relocation Services Overview**

For more information on this subject: The Virtual Relocation Website http://www.monstermoving.com/

All incoming personnel are encouraged to stop at the Community Services Center in building 2494 immediately upon arrival at Fort Bliss. This will ensure the service member and family receive the most up-to-date information on the Fort Bliss-El Paso area before they begin searching for a home.

Name: Relocation Readiness Services

Address: Bldg 2494 Ricker Rd.

City: Ft. Bliss, TX 79916

Phone: (915) 568-6291

FAX: (915) 568-4357

DSN Phone: 978-6291

DSN FAX: 978-4357

**Comments:** 

Hours: 0730 - 1630 hrs, Monday - Friday.

Relocation Services provides assistance to military personnel, family members and DOD civilians moving to the Fort Bliss community or personnel relocating to other military installations. Services include: computerized information from other military installations known as SITES, (information updated quarterly), Apartment Guides and Real Estate Guides, Fort Bliss welcome packets and other information. The lending closet provides kitchen items, baby items and cots to sleep on.

# **Relocation Assistance**

For more information on this subject: Virtual ACS Relocation Information http://trol.redstone.army.mil/acs/virtual/

Whether you are single or married, Community Services has a Relocation Services that can help you. Other people that can help as well include sponsors, travel and transportation specialists, packers and movers, and a variety of other support personnel. By following these simple steps your relocation process should provide a rewarding experience.

a. Orders. Order are the most important document for a move. Until you have them, you do not know what you will be authorized to do, or what your entitlements will be. Orders allow members to be eligible for a variety of financial allowances, relocation assistance, and options for moving and storing belongings. Some changes of duty stations or assignments may not authorize a move, so wait until you receive your orders before making any important commitments.

- b. Relocation Assistance. The Community Services Center is the best point of contact for relocation assistance. You may be able to:
- \* Get up-to-date information about your new base and community before you move.
  - \* Learn how to prepare for your move.
- c. Sponsorship Program. Whether you are single or have a family, the Sponsorship Program can make you move easier. After you receive orders, complete the Sponsor Notification Form. Be sure to list contact phone numbers if you are going to visit people en route. Your new Commanding Officer will try to assign a sponsor whose grade and personal situation is similar to yours. Your sponsor will then be able to relate to your needs and provide a personal view of life at the new location. Contact your sponsor as soon as possible and keep the new unit informed of any special needs or circumstances.

# **In Transit Emergencies**

For more information on this subject: Texas Dept of Trans. Roadway warning for El Paso http://www.dot.state.tx.us/hcr/el\_paso.htm

No matter how well you have planned your move, emergencies do happen.

Before you leave make sure you have all important papers with you - not packed with your household goods. Make sure you have important numbers such as Staff Duty Officer number, your Command Duty Office, and your sponsor or unit number. Your sponsor can be invaluable in case of an emergency while in transit.

As a matter of practicality, try and plan your travel route around military installations to provide rapid access to military emergency services.

Check the attached website for road conditions in El Paso County and across Texas

Name: Army Emergency Relief (AER)

Address: Bldg 2494

City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916

**Phone:** (915) 568-7088 DSN 978-7088 After Duty

Hrs(915)562-4233

#### **Comments:**

AER is available to active duty military personnel, retirees and their family members when they are experiencing financial crisis/emergency such as car repairs, eviction notice, death of an immediate family member, etc.

Emergency food assistance is also available.

Name: American Red Cross

Address: Bldg 45 and William Beaumont Army

Medical Center (WBAMC)
City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916

**Phone:** (915) 568-5085/4898 WBAMC (915)

2483/2493

#### **Comments:**

The American Red Cross serves all armed services in the United States and overseas for the Department of Defense providing emergency communication and financial assistance concerning personnel and/or their families such as death or critical illness.

# **Financial Preparedness**

For more information on this subject: Relocation entitlements http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/genent.htm

For additional guidance on Financial Preparedness, please visit the attached website to be transferred to Virtual ACS and continue up to the 4th Floor, Financial Preparedness.

Budget your move wisely. Be aware that there is a waiting list for post housing for many ranks. Be prepared to pay for the first month's rent and security deposit on an apartment or rental home. Avoid renting a habitation which is powered only by electricity. Electric rates in El Paso are among the highest in Texas. Be aware that vehicle theft is a problem in the city, and take steps to protect your investment.

Community Services Financial Service: This program focuses on improving soldiers' personal financial status. This service provides budget counseling, education and instruction on checkbook management. Army Emergency Relief (AER): AER provides interest-free loans and grants to soldiers who find themselves in a financial

emergency which is both unexpected and due to conditions beyond their control.

#### Typical Cases Assisted:

Payment of initial rent, or rent to prevent eviction or foreclosure. Non-receipt of pay. Lack of basic necessities such as food and utility payments. Travel expense for emergency leave due to serious illness or death of grandparent. Funeral expenses, to include expenses for a parent of the soldier or spouse. Loss of funds (includes loss of pay or other funds), attributable to theft. Police report required. Essential POV repairs for safe operation.

# Typical Cases Not Assisted:

Payment or consolidation of outstanding debts, travel expenses for other than emergency leave, civilian court fees, fines, lawyer's fees, bail and taxes, purchase of items for convenience or luxury, prolonged illness, fire or other disaster, continuing assistance, education assistance. AER's educational assistance program is a secondary mission providing financial assistance to unmarried dependent children of soldiers, in the form of scholarships. They may pursue their education in vocational training, preparation for acceptance by service academies, and undergraduate level college education.

Assistance with Army Emergency Relief (AER)and financial problems can be obtained at Community Services. Call commercial (915)568-1736/3709 or DSN 978-1736/3709 for further information or visit Community Services, building 2494, Ricker Rd. on the main post.

Name: Financial Institutions on Fort Bliss

# **Comments:**

There are three financial instituions on Fort Bliss: The Fort Bliss Federal Credit Union, Armed Forces Bank, and Wells Fargo Bank. Detailed information and website links to all three are listed under Local Community Overview at the beginning of this SITES file.

# **Exceptional Family Member Program** (EFMP)

For more information on this subject: Virtual ACS, 5th Floor Soldier and Family Support http://trol.redstone.army.mil/acs/virtual/virtual\_acs.ht ml For additional information on the Exceptional Family Member Program please visit the attached website to go to Virtual ACS, and continue on to the 5th Floor, Soldier and Family Support.

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) provides assistance to all active duty soldiers who have a family member with a physical, emotional, mental, or educational disability. EFMP provides information and referral about support services in the local community. EFMP participates in family find programs by identifying eligible family members . For more information regarding EFMP issues please contact Family Advocacy Program (FAP).

Name: EFMP Coordinator, FAP		
Address: Building 2494, Ricker Rd		
City: Fort Bliss, TX		
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 568-4878		

Name: EFMP Program Coordinator - WBAMC
POC: Martha Eurivis
Address: WBAMC
City: Fort Bliss, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 569-2363

# **Household Goods In-Bound Shipments**

Contact the In-bound shipments section as soon as possible after your arrival. The transportation office needs a telephone number and address for your household good. If at all possible, accept delivery of your personal property as soon as it arrives. If you cannot accept your household goods, or if you have too much and need storage, storage is available to you at a cost.

For the convenience of incoming soldiers, the In-Bound Transportation section is located in the Inprocessing Center and is a required stop in the inprocessing process.

Individuals expecting to receive an inbound shipment must have requried documentation (inventories, orders, new address, etc) to receive their shipment. Name: Transportation
Address: Building 504A
City: Fort Bliss, TX

Phone: (915) 568-3667/3668

#### **Comments:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 0730 -

Wednesday 0730 - 1230

Closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays

Automated phone service is available to you (915) 568-7562, punch in social security number and you will be told the status of your household goods.

Name: Lock and Leave Storage Facility
Address: Bldg 1177
City: Fort Bliss, TX
Phone: (915) 566-8321

# **Household Goods Out-Bound Shipments**

For more information on this subject:

Moving Checklists

http://www.usps.gov/moversnet/

The Permanent Change of Station (PCS) and arrangement of household goods begin once the service member receives orders from their PAC (personnel) and a destination has been determined. Specific arrangements for personal shipments normally begin at the local transportation office. Each pay grade has it's own weight. Anything exceeding the weight limit will be the responsibility of the service member.

For additional assistance in planning your move, please visit the attached website.

Personnel contemplating doing a DITY (Do It Yourself) move, PLEASE coordinate the move ahead of time with your local transporation office to ensure proper procedures are followed so that you can receive proper payment for your efforts!

Name: Transportation
Address: Bldg 504A

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX **Phone:** (915) 568-0414/0413

**Comments:** 

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 0730 - 1630

Wednesday 0730 - 1230

Closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays

Automated phone number (915) 568-7562, punch in social security number and the status of your household goods will be available to you.

# **Household Goods Claims**

If you discover loss or damage, upon delivery, you are required to list the loss or damage on the "Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Deliver", DD Form 1840. The carrier will send a representative that will provide you with the DD Form 1840 which serves as a notice to the carrier of loss or damage and a receipt of delivery.

If you discover additional loss or damage not annotated on the DD Form 1840, you must use the "Notice of Loss or Damage", DD Form 1840-R which is located on the reverse side of the DD Form 1840. You have up to 70 days to inspect your property and record all loss or damage. In all instances the completed DD Forms 1840/1840-R must be delivered to your local claims office no later than 70 days from date of delivery. Failure to deliver the form or list all items may result in a reduction of the amount payable on your claim.

You have two years from the date your shipment was delivered to file your claim against the government. However, to assure prompt settlement, claims should be filed as soon as the damage or loss is apparent. Bear in mind that you cannot legally receive double payment for the same damage. Should this happen you would be responsible for returning over payment to the government.

If you sustain property damage, promptly contact the claims office for assistance. You must allow both the government and the carrier to inspect the damage if either request to do so. Do not dispose of damaged items until the damage has been inspected by all proper parties or you have been notified to dispose of it. In the cases of mildew or smoke-damage, you may be required to keep the articles until the claim is settled, at which time some items may be disposed of through salvage channels. Your claims

representative can advise you. Reports of damaged or missing goods should be made within five working days after household goods are delivered.

Name: Claims Office
POC: Staff Judge Advocate

Address: Building 113, 2nd Floor

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX **Phone:** (915) 568-5650

**Comments:** 

Hours: Monday - Thursday 0730 - 1630

Friday 0730 - 1545

Closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays

Name: Quality Control Branch

Address: 504-A, Room 204

City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-4493/7604.

# **Household Goods Weight Allowances**

The government will pay to ship your possessions within a weight allowance. Your weight allowance is the maximum weight that can be moved at the government expense. If you exceed that allowance, you must pay the additional charges. The weight allowance includes the total weight of personal property shipped, put into storage, and sent as unaccompanied baggage.

For this reason, estimating the weight of your household goods is very important. Estimates should start early, even before you visit your transportation office. You should make the first estimate because the transportation office will ask you how you will be shipping.

An easy and fairly dependable method for making this estimate is to figure a 1,000 pounds per room (not including storage rooms or bathroom) and then add the estimated weight of large appliances and items in the garage, storage rooms, basements, etc.

As a double check later in the movement process, count the number of items on the inventory form used by the carrier. Then multiply the number by 40 pounds. This is another rule-of-thumb method for estimating the weight of your shipment.

If, while your goods are being packed and loaded, there is evidence that the shipment will exceed weight, you will be somewhat prepared for charges you will have to pay. If you are separating from the service and will not remain in pay status, excess cost must be paid in advance of this shipment.

In some overseas areas, administrative weight allowances are set on the amount of household goods that can be shipped at government expense. If you are being provided government furniture, for example, the government will not pay to ship your full weight allowance there. If you are affected by an administrative weight allowance, transportation office will let you know your weight limit.

The table shows the weight allowance in pounds according to pay grade.

**Household Goods Weight Allowances** 

Grade	Allowance w/Dependents	Allowance wo/Dependents
E1	*5,000	1,500
E2	*5,000	1,500
E3	*5,000	2,000
E4	*<2yrs 7.5K >2yrs 8K	<2yrs 3.5K>2yrs 7K
E5	9,000	9,000
E6	11,000	8,000
E7	12,500	10,500
E8	13,500	11,000
E9	14,500	12,000
W-1	12,000	10,000
W-2	13,500	12,500
W-3	14,500	13,000
W-4	17,000	14,000
O-1	12,000	10,000
O-2	13,500	12,500
O-3	14,500	13,000
O-4	17,000	14,000
O-5	17,500	16,000
O-6+	18,000	18,000

# **POV In-Bound Shipments**

You are allowed to ship one privately owned vehicle at government expense to or from an overseas area when permitted (some overseas areas restrict shipment of POVs). The entitlement to ship an otherwise eligible POV from overseas to the United States is not dependent on whether a POV was shipped to the overseas area. The vehicle must be owned by the member or a dependent of the member (member must show proof of ownership/registration or lease agreement).

The Transportation Office has pamphlets which contain information about shipment of POV's. Call COM (915) 568-1697/7845 or DSN 978-1697/7845 for further information. POV's are picked up at the Dallas or New Orleans ports, and arrangements must be made directly with them.

To pick up your vehicle, ensure you have proper documentation showing ownership. If you are picking up someone elses vehicle, proper Power of Attorney is required.

Name: Military Traffic Management Command

City: Alexandria, VA

WWW Link: http://www.whereismypov.com

**Comments:** 

Service members who shipped their cars to Ft. Bliss from overseas can locate their vehicles 24 hours a day by visiting this internet website.

# **POV Out-Bound Shipments**

If you are relocating overseas from Fort Bliss and are shipping your POV, please contact your Personnel Property Office at your current duty station for entitlement and restriction.

The Transportation Office has pamphlets which contain information about shipment of POV's. Call COM (915) 568 - 1697/7845 or DSN 978 - 1697/7845 for further information. POV's are generally shipped from the Dallas or New Orleans Ports, and arrangements must be made directly with them.

Name: Military Traffic Management Command

City: Alexandria, VA

**WWW Link:** http://www.whereismypov.com

# **Comments:**

Service members who shipped their cars from Ft. Bliss to an overseas location can locate their vehicles 24 hours a day by visiting this internet website.

# **POV Claims**

Claims for damaged POVs occuring during government shipping must be made with the Fort Bliss Claim's Office.

Name: Claims Office

**POC:** Staff Judge Advocate

**Address:** Building 113, 2nd Floor

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX **Phone:** (915) 568-5650

**Comments:** 

Hours: 0730 - 1615 Monday - Thursday

0730 - 1545 Friday

Closed Saturday, Sunday, and holidays

# **Pet Boarding/Kennels**

For more information on this subject:

Pets Welcome

http://www.petswelcome.com/

The Inn at Fort Bliss no longer permits pets in the rooms. The Inn will issue a statement of non-availability to incoming personnel who have pets and are denied rooms at the Inn due to their pets.

The Armed Services YMCA located adjacent to Fort Bliss does permit animals in the rooms.

Due to its location along the border, El Paso is an area with a higher than average incident rate of rabies. It is recommended that pets receive all required shots prior to or immediately upon arrival.

Travelers shipping pets into El Paso should time their arrival/and/or transfer of pets at other airports to ensure the pet does not sit out on the hot tarmack during transfer between aircraft. If at all possible, try to schedule the flights in the early mornings or evenings for your pet's safety.

Name: A&L Boarding Kennels

Address: 12955 Montana City: El Paso, TX 79936

**Phone:** (915) 855-0044

**Comments:** 

A&L Kennels is located on the far east side of El Paso. They accept most major credit cards.

Name: Barkerhaus Kennels

**POC:** Jim or Angie Morgan

Address: 7229 Barker Road

City: El Paso, TX 79915

**Phone:** (915) 779-2486

#### **Comments:**

Barkerhaus Kennels offers training and boarding with indoor/outdoor climate controlled runs. They offer free pickup/delivery. They are located in South/Central El Paso.

Name: Pets Welcome Website

**WWW Link:** http://www.petswelcome.com/

#### **Comments:**

This website will not only provide guidance on moving with pets, but will allow you to access lists of hotels/motels that permit pets in the rooms to allow you to plan properly as you travel cross country during your relocation.

Name: Reidsan Kennel in the Grove & Dog

Training Center

City: Canutillo, TX

**Phone:** (915) 877-DOGS

WWW Link: http://www.reidsan.com

# Comments:

Reidsan Kennels is located on the West Side of El Paso and offers boarding and training classes. They accept all major credit cards.

Name: Southwest Animal Care Complex

Address: 111 Country Club Road

City: Sunland Park, NM 88008

**Phone:** (505) 589-2233

# **Comments:**

The SWAC Complex is located off El Paso's west side with easy access from Fort Bliss.

# **Pet Licensing**

All cats and dogs must receive rabies shots and tags annually, through your local vetenarian.

Families living in government quarters are limited as to how many and what types of pets they may have.

Stables are available on Biggs AAF to board horses.

Name: Animal Control Office
Address: 211 Shelter
City: El Paso, TX
Phone: (915) 532-5966
Comments:

Hours: 0600 - 1830 hrs daily.

# **Pet Quarantines**

Dogs or cats who bite any individual must be quarantined for a 10 day period. Bites must be reported to Animal Control workers at (915) 532-5966. All dogs and cats over four months of age must have a current rabies vaccination.

There is no quarantine required for pets being brought into the El Paso geographic area.

# **Veterinary Services**

The Fort Bliss Veterinary Services is dedicated to providing quality veterinary services to the active duty and retired personnel of the community. They can provide all preventive medicine needs for your pet.

The Fort Bliss Veterinary Services does not provide sterilization or kennel services

The El Paso area has several animal hospitals with 24 hour service. There are also numerous clinics with a wide variety of services. Consult the local phone directory for the location and services of your choice.

There are established limits on the number and types of pets that are permitted in Government Quarters.

Name: Veterinary Activity

Address: Building 6077, Carter Road (Behind

Bowling Center)

City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 569-2266/2564

# **Comments:**

Hours of operation: 0800 - 1200 hrs and 1030 -

1600 hrs Monday - Friday.

Children under 10 years of age are not allowed in the clinic during appointments. If children are with you, your appointment will be rescheduled.

Vaccinations are available including rabies. All pets on Fort Bliss property must be vaccinated and registered.

Adoption of pets are available. Varies in the amount and type of animals available.

# **Pet Transportation**

Once you have decided that an animal is going to be your travel companion, plan for your pet's trip in the same way you plan your own.

Make sure your pet has no health problems. Your pet will be subjected to conditions guaranteed to cause stress. A clean bill of health is an important first step in assuring your pet's ability to adjust safely to unfamiliar surroundings. Also, make sure your pet has proper identification tags. The information should include your pet's name, your name, address and phone number.

The carrier in which your pet will be spending most of his trip is of the utmost importance. Make sure the pet is able to move around.

For more information on pet transportation contact your installation's veterinary service.

Name: Moving with Pets

WWW Link:

http://www.usps.gov/moversnet/pets2.html

**Comments:** 

This excellent website is produced by the US Postal System.

**Name:** Pet Care Tips: Tips for Moving with Your Pet

WWW Link:

http://www.healthypet.com/Library/care-3.html

Name: Pets Welcome Website

WWW Link: http://www.petswelcome.com/

#### **Comments:**

This website not only provides guidance on moving with Pets, but will provide info on which

hotels/motels permit pets as you travel on your PCS

move! Great website. Check it out.

Name: Shipping Pets Overseas

WWW Link: http://keynet.net/~shirley/pet.html

# **PCS Reporting Procedures**

SUBJECT: Inprocessing at Fort Bliss

- On behalf of the Commanding General, the soldiers and families of Fort Bliss, I welcome you to El Paso and West Texas. Upon arrival at Fort Bliss, personnel should report for in-processing at the building indicated in the records below.
- 2. On the weekends or after duty hours report to the Fort Bliss Inn located on 1744 Victory Avenue or call at 565-7777 or 1-800-723-8130. Single enlisted soldiers should also report to the Fort Bliss Inn. Married accompanied soldiers should report to the Fort Bliss Inn, which is located at 1744 Victory Avenue. Reservations can be made by calling 565-7777 or 1-800-723-8130.
- 3. Upon securing billeting after hours or on the weekend, in-processing for all permanent party enlisted soldiers begins at 0630 hours the next day at building 505. THE INPROCESSING UNIFORM IS BDUs. You will need the following documents: 201 file, Health and Dental Records, Leave Form, and 10 copies of PCS orders and amendments. Soldiers are advised to eat prior to arrival.
- Soldiers attending AIT due to reclassification should report to D1-56 in Bldg. 1010 or call 568-7200 if arriving after duty hours.

NCOIC, Personnel Processing Center

Name: A- Statement of Understanding

**POC:** Inprocessing NCOIC **Address:** Building 505

City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916

**Phone:** (915) 568-3035 **DSN Phone:** 978-3035

#### **Comments:**

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING FORT BLISS, TX

Welcome to Fort Bliss, to ensure your in-processing is a smooth transaction, we provide one day inprocessing to all enlisted permanent party soldiers. To accomplish this mission, this statement is provided to disseminate information and insure your compliance when arriving to Fort Bliss command. In-processing uniform is BDU s. Your failure to be on time will delay your assignment and could result in UCMI action.

- 1. All soldiers, except soldiers graduating from an AIT unit in Ft. Bliss, are authorized TLE. You are required to report to the Fort Bliss Inn for lodging. If no rooms are available, the Inn will stamp a receipt of non-availability then you may seek off post lodging.
- 2. Soldiers must sign-in at the front desk of Bldg 505, located on the corner of Pershing and Holbrooks, between the hours of 0715 and 0730 to be inprocessed on regular duty days. No inprocessing will be conducted on weekends, holidays, and training holidays. If you need transportation, the personnel processing center driver will pick you up. You must be outside in front of billeting with your luggage NLT 0645. If you have transportation, report to Bldg 505 NLT 0715.
- 3. Soldiers billeted at Fort Bliss Inn are required to check out of their rooms prior to in-processing unless authorized 10 days TLE.
- 4. Soldiers with approved PTDY for house hunting must report to the housing office (Bldg 504) Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 0800-1600 and Wed: 0800-1130. The housing office will stamp off on your DA 31, once your PTDY is completed you will report to Bldg 505 as instructed in paragraph 2.
- 5. The limit of travel for all new arrivals is the El Paso City limits, regardless of day, including holidays. This is in accordance with the Commanding General s Policy. The list of Off-Limits establishments is provided for you in this welcome packet.

- 6. Do not schedule any appointments the day of inprocessing. Notify the front desk of Bldg 505 of any appointments you may already have scheduled.
- 7. All soldiers reporting to Fort Bliss must go to William Beaumont Army Medical Center and enroll in Tricare which is located on the first floor in Room 192. The office phone number is 680-7600.
- 8. Soldiers with children are responsible for providing daycare for their children the day of inprocessing. The Child Development Service, located at Bldg 1730 on Haan Road next to the Fort Bliss Post Office, provides free daycare on post and is open Mon-Fri from 0530-1730. Their phone number is 568-5689/6335.
- 9. What to bring for in-processing: 201 File, medical record, dental record, DA Form 31, travel receipts, 6 copies of orders plus any amendments, and promotion packets for E4 and E5 promotables.
- 10. Any questions, concerns or issues that may prevent you from inprocessing the next duty day, please call the Welcome Center at 568-3035 or 6039. Other important phone numbers in case of emergencies:

Post SDNCO 568-5019 AG on call 637-6807

11. Information for the Dining Facility located at Bldg 906 on Pleasanton Road is provided below for your convenience.

#### WEEKDAYS / SATURDAYS

Breakfast Lunch

Dinner

0600-0800 1130-1300

1730-1900

# SUNDAYS / HOLIDAYS

Breakfast Lunch

Dinner

0645-0815 1130-1300

1600-1800

# Name: Enlisted Permanent Party

#### **Comments:**

During duty hours until 2400 enlisted permanent party personnel should report to Bldg 505. After 2400 you must go to the Fort Bliss Inn, 1744 Victory Avenue.

Name: Initial training A.I.T. students

#### **Comments:**

Initial training AIT students report to 1-56 ADA in building 1010 or call 568-7200.

Name: OAC Students

#### **Comments:**

OAC students will be assigned to HQ/A 4-6 ADA located in Building 2. Report to building 500 during duty hours and to building 1744 Victory Avenue after duty hours.

Name: OBC Students

# **Comments:**

OBC students will be assigned to B/4-6 ADA located in building 2. Report to building 500 during duty hours and to building 1744 Victory Avenue after duty hours.

Name: Officer/WO Permanent Party

# **Comments:**

Officer/WO, until 2400 hours and to 1744 Victory Avenue after duty hours.

Name: Reclassification AIT Students

#### **Comments:**

Reclassification AIT students will be assigned to D/1-56 ADA. During duty hours report to building 505. After duty hours report to building 1010 or call 568-7200. Married students should coordinate temporary lodging with the Ft. Bliss Inn. Reservations can be made by calling 565-7777.

Name: USASMA Permanent Party

#### **Comments:**

USASMA Permanent party report to bldg 11291 during and after duty hours.

Name: USASMA Students

#### **Comments:**

USASMA students should report to A Company at bldg 11293, Biggs Army Air Field during duty hours, and to the SDNCO at bldg 11291 after duty hours.

Name: WBAMC

# **Comments:**

WBAMC personnel report to building 7304 (WBAMC Troop Command) during duty hours and to 3d Floor WBAMC (Hospital) after duty hours for transportation to the barracks at building 2449 on Ft. Bliss.

Name: WOBC/WOAC Students

#### **Comments:**

Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) students report to building 500 during duty hours or to The Ft. Bliss Inn after duty hours.

140A Command and Control Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) students are assigned to 2-6 ADA.

140E Patriot Missile System Technician Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) students are assigned to 3-6 ADA

Warrant Officer Advanced Course (WOAC) students are assigned to HQ/A 4-6 ADA.

# **Separation Procedures**

Separation procedures for the military are handled by Transition/Retirement Services. As soon as you receive your paperwork you need to contact one of the offices listed below.

Soldiers separating from the military are authorized transition assistance from a variety of agencies, to include Community Services, Army Career and Alumni Program, as well as assistance in on-Post job hunting from the CPAC.

Name: Retirement Survivors Benefits

Address: Building 500

City: Fort Bliss, TX

Phone: (915) 568-5498

Comments:

Hours of operation: Monday - Friday, 0730 - 1630.

Name: Retirement/Separation Services

Address: Building 500

City: El Paso, TX

Phone: (915) 568-5498

Comments:

Hours of operation: Monday - Friday, 0730 - 1630.

Name: Transition Point
Address: Building 500
City: Fort Bliss, TX
Phone: (915) 568-4460/4461
Comments:

Hours of operation: Monday - Friday from 0730 - 1630.

# **Billeting**

The Inn at Fort Bliss is the official temporary lodging facility for Fort Bliss. Incoming personnel must check availability of rooms at the Inn prior to taking temporary lodging in town.

The Billeting office now provides free transportatin to and from the El Paso airport and Biggs Army Airfield for anyone staying in either the Fort Bliss Inn or Billeting TDY quarters. This Courtesy Van Service is available seven days a week and 24 hours per day. Call the Billeting Front Desk at 568-4888 or 568-2703 to arrange for this free transportation or for more information.

Name: Armed Services YMCA Residence Inn

**Address:** 7060 Comington St.

**City:** El Paso, TX **Phone:** (915) 562-8461

WWW Link:

http://www.asymca.org/branches/elpaso/elpaso2.ht

#### **Comments:**

Located just outside Fort Bliss, the ASYMCA Residence Inn has 52 spacious rooms with private baths. Some units contain kitchenettes and microwaves.

Breakfast and lunch are available.

Pets are welcome and stay free. Complete child care facilities available on site. Open to active duty, retirees, and civilian veterans.

Open 24 hours.

Name: Billeting Office (The Inn at Fort Bliss)

**Address:** 1744 Victory Ave

City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 565-7777 1-800-723-8130

**DSN Phone:** 978-6068

**Comments:** 

Hours: 24 hours

The Fort Bliss Billeting office is combined with the Inn at Fort Bliss.

Fort Bliss Billeting currently provides temporary military lodging with 13 distinguished visitor units and 836 visiting quarters.

The Billeting office now provides free transportatin to and from the El Paso airport and Biggs Army Airfield for anyone staying in Billeting TDY quarters. This Courtesy Van Service is available seven days a week and 24 hours per day. Call the Billeting Front Desk at 565-7777 to arrange for this free transportation or for more information.

Name: Fort Bliss RV Park and Camp ground

Address: Building 4130 City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-0106

# **Comments:**

Fort Bliss RV park is located in the scenic foothills of the Franklin Mountains, off the Patriot Freeway. The facility is open to active duty, retirees, Reservists, National Guard, and DOD employees.

The cost varies, depending on how long you plan to stay. For a day it cost \$13, a week it is \$78, and tent area is \$5. If you are 62 years old or older, then you qualify for a Golden Age Passport (GAP) discount. To qualify for the GAP you must have a retired military or DOD ID card. The price for the GAP people is now \$11 per day and \$66 per week. Pets are allowed, but must follow special rules.

The park also offers level concrete pads, barbecue grills and picnic tables at each site. Pavilions, full bath facilities, 24-hour laundry facilities, kitchenette in family room and RV storage are also available.

The park is complete with a storage area for RV/trailors, boats etc. The rate for monthly storage is \$20.00.

Office works on a first come - first serve basis.

Hours of Operations: 0800-1600 Monday-Friday 0800-1530 Saturday, Sunday and

holidays

Name: The Fisher House

**POC:** Mr. Harry Hicks

Address: William Beaumont Army Medical Center

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX **Phone:** (915) 562-8461

**Comments:** 

Temporary lodging for families of patients at WBAMC.

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**Name:** The Inn at Fort Bliss

Address: 1744 Victory Ave

City: Ft. Bliss, TX

Phone: (915) 565-7777, DSN 978-6078, 1-800-

723-8130

# **Comments:**

The Inn has 154 guest rooms, featuring 104 kitchenette units with a microwave and refrigerator. All rooms feature remote control cable color TV, inroom direct dial phones, full bath with tub/shower, in-room coffeemaker and individually controlled air-conditioning/heat unit. Complimentary continental breakfast is available each morning. Kids stay free.

\*\*Pets are not permitted at the Inn\*\*
Statements of non-availability will be issued because of pets.

Open 24 hours.

# **Unaccompanied PCS**

Unaccompanied PCS moves can be divided into categories, single soldiers relocating on normal PCS orders, and soldiers and family members who are either relocating due to receipt of orders to an unaccompanied assignment such as Camp Casey, Korea, or are voluntarily leaving family members behind for personal reasons.

- 1. Single Soldiers: Single soldiers encompass all ranks and situations, from the new Private reporting to his/her first duty station with only a clothing and duffle bag, to the single senior NCO with an apartment full of household goods.
- a. Dislocation Allowances: Single members receive two month's BAQ at the without dependents rate only when they cannot obtain government quarters at their new base. Generally, government quarters (barracks) are not available on Fort Bliss for single senior NCOs.
- b. Weight Allowances: Weight allowances for single soldiers without dependents range from 1,500 lbs for a PVT to 7,000 lbs for a SGT, and up to 12,000 lbs for SGM. Check with your local transportation office for exact figures.
- c. Baggage: Will you travel with all your baggage or will you ship some?

- 1. Accompanied baggage: Accompanied baggage is the luggage you carry with you and is not counted against the overall weight limit.
- 2. Unaccompanied (Hold Baggage): Unaccompanied baggage includes the things you need when you first arrive at a new duty station: clothes, small appliances, kitchenware, linens, etc.
- 3. Household goods to be shipped: Before you determine what household goods will be shipped, talk to your sponsor to see what you will need at the new location. Now is the time to get rid of things you don't need so you don't have to pay if you exceed the authorized weight allowance.
- 4. Storage: There are two kinds of storage: temporary and non-temporary. Temporary storage is for those who are delayed in moving into permanent quarters at the new duty station. You are routinely authorized 90 days temporary storage. Non-temporary storage applies to overseas moves where the weight allowance is restricted or when members do not take all their household goods with them.
- d. DITY moves: If the PCS move is within CONUS, you may get written permission from the Transportation office to do a "Do-It-Yourself" (DITY) move. If you choose this option, you will receive about 80% of what it would cost the government to hire a commercial mover to move your goods. See your Transportation Office for details.
- \*\*\*\*YOU MUST GET APPROVAL FROM THE TRANSPORTATION OFFICE BEFORE YOU MAKE THE DITY MOVE IN ORDER TO COLLECT YOUR MONEY.\*\*\*\*
- e. Mileage Allowance: Service members driving a POV between duty stations are paid a mileage allowance based upon the distance between the old and new duty station. Check with your local finance office to verify the current mileage rate.
- 2. Married Soldiers (Geographical Bachelors)
- a. Unaccompanied Assignments: Overseas deployments and unaccompanied tours are a regular part of military life. Assignments are made on a rotational basis, and married soldiers are not exempt. Unaccompanied assignments and deployments take planning, preparation, information, understanding, and commitment and dedication to the family as well as to the mission of the Army. Many support groups are available to help you and your family prepare for

departure. Family Readiness Groups (FRGs) are a primary means for family members to work together to support each other during unit deployments. Families of service members on individual unaccompanied tours may remain in place at the last duty station, or may be moved to a location of their choice. Families remaining in place are advised to contact their local Comunity Services for support assistance. Normally, the losing unit will act as sponsors for the family that stays in place.

- b. Voluntarily Unaccompanied. Occasionally, service members will voluntarily leave their families in place when they PCS. Often this is because of children's school or community commitments, or the spouse's employment situation. In these cases, the service members PCS benefits may be reduced to without dependent rate. It will be the service members responsibility to maintain duel households as barracks space may not be available for geographical bachelors.
- 3. Single soldiers arriving at the El Paso International Airport can receive free transportation to the Fort Bliss Inn or the Billeting Office by calling 568-4888 24 hours a day.
- 4. Married soldiers arriving without their families are encouraged to stop by the Community Housing Referral Office in building 504A prior to seeking housing in the community.

## **Support Services**

## **Support Services Overview**

For more information on this subject: Virtual ACS-Floor #5 Soldier and Family Support http://trol.redstone.army.mil/acs/virtual/virtual\_acs.ht ml

Fort Bliss and the El Paso community offer a variety of support services to assist those suffering from addictions or abuse, or who need help to resolve difficult situations they find themselves in.

Fort Bliss support agencies include Community Services Center, the American Red Cross, and the post chaplains.

## **Family Centers**

For more information on this subject: Fort Bliss Community Service http://www.blissmwr.com/CSC/CSCindex.htm The Community Services Center provides information, assistance, and guidance to members of the military community to assist them in solving personal and family problems beyond the scope of their own resources. Community Services Center Bldg. 2494, 915-568-1132/4614

Name: Community Services Center
<b>POC:</b> Information and Referral (I&R)
Address: Building 2494
City: Fort Bliss, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 568-1132/4614
WWW Link:
http://www.blissmwr.com/CSC/CSCindex.htm

Name: Junior Enlisted Center
Address: Building 51
City: Fort Bliss, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915)568-7946/7291

## **Information and Referral**

Information, Referral and Follow-up are the primary objective in linking the individual in need with the appropriate agency or service that will eliminate or alleviate that need.

Your Community Service Center is the Installation POC for Information, whether it be a Who, What, Where, or When type of question! "Whys" are a little harder to answer, but we try!

Ask your questions when you first inprocess at building 505 or save them and call us later.

Name: Community Services Center
POC: Information and Referral
Address: Building 2494
City: Fort Bliss, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 568-6291 or 568-1132
<b>FAX:</b> (915) 568-4357
<b>DSN Phone:</b> 978-6291/1132
<b>DSN FAX:</b> 978-4357
E-Mail: SITES4375@BLISS.ARMY.MIL

Name: Life Management Center for MH/MR
Services
City: El Paso, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 779-1800
Comments:
Open 24 hours Crisis intervention hotline

Name: Social Work Service

Address: William Beaumont Army Medical Center

City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 569-2800/2858

**Comments:** 

Hours of operation, 0730 - 1630, Monday - Friday.

Marriage, family and child abuse counselors.

## **Financial Assistance Programs**

For more information on this subject: Virtual ACS, 4th Floor Financial Readiness http://trol.redstone.army.mil/acs/virtual/virtual\_acs.ht ml

Financial guidance is offered to those experiencing money management difficulties or for those who wish to take a proactive approach to their finances. Caring professional financial counselors work with you to prepare a personalized budget and spending plan designed to maximize your financial resources. Army Emergency Relief is available in times of emergency to provide interest free loans to service members and their families.

For additional information on financial preparedness, please visit Virtual ACS on the attached website.

Name: Financial Services
Address: Building 2494, Ricker Road
City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916
Phone: (915) 568-1132
FAX: (915) 568-4357

## **Emergency Assistance**

For more information on this subject: AER Homepage http://www.aerhq.org/

Army Emergency Relief (AER), Financial Assistance provides financial assistance to eligible soldiers and their dependents. AER can help with emergency financial needs for food, rent, utilities, emergency transportation and vehicle repair, funeral expenses, medical/dental expenses, and personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen. Assistance is given in the form of an interest free loan, grant, or part loan/grant. To receive AER assistance, first see your unit commander then contact the AER office for appointment. AER also provides undergraduate level education scholarships, based primarily on financial

needs, for dependent children of active duty, retired, or deceased soldiers.

## **Family Advocacy**

For more information on this subject: Virtual ACS-5th Floor FAP Information http://trol.redstone.army.mil/acs/virtual/virtual\_acs.ht ml

For additional information on the Family Advocacy Program, please visit the attached website to go to Virtual ACS, and continue on to the 5th Floor, Soldier and Family.

Community Services Center Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is a comprehensive prevention program designed to educate the military community on child and spouse abuse prevention. FAP breaks the cycle of violence by identifying abuse as early as possible and referring families for treatment. Classes are available on managing personal and family issues in order to strengthen families, promote family enrichment and create a safe community. Case Management and Treatment are provided by Social Work Service, WBAMC.

#### Services Available:

Respite Care: Short term child care designed to provide relief to parents who are temporarily unable to care for their children, based upon financial need and emergency.

Parent Aide Program: Provides assistance to parents in strengthening their parenting skills. Volunteers are trained to work with parents of children ages 0-1 year.

Parent Education: Classes, newsletters, and packets of information are designed to support and educate parents on child development and improve parenting knowledge and skills.

Safety Awareness/Safe Child Program: Prevention and education programs designed to teach parents, children and those involved with youth about sexual abuse and child molestation. Classes teach self-esteem, conflict management, anger management, making good choices and abuse and violence in relationships.

Command Consultation: Educational briefings to chain of command on family violence prevention programs.

Family Violence Awareness Briefings: Educational briefings on family violence (child/spouse abuse) to soldiers, family members, and civilian employees as required by AR 608-18.

Life Skills Classes: Classes on crisis intervention, anger control, stress management, change management, time management, resource management, self esteem and communication designed to ease daily living stress.

Health/Wellness Education: Classes on crisis intervention, anger control, stress management, change management, time management, resource management, self esteem and communication designed to ease daily living stress.

Family & Home Safety Education: Classes on making a safe environment for children. Includes home and passenger safety.

Name: Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

**POC:** Peggy Brown

Address: Bldg 2494, Ricker Rd.

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX **Phone:** (915) 568-4878

**Comments:** 

Hours of operation 0730 - 1630 hrs, Monday -

Friday.

## **Single Member Services**

For more information on this subject:

DA BOSS Homepage

http://trol.redstone.army.mil/mwr/boss/index.html

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers(BOSS)Program

BOSS is designed to target single and unaccompanied soldiers with innovative and recreational programs.

The BOSS program is run by the Post CSM to listen to and respond to the needs of the single soldiers. Currently, large scale barracks renovations are ongoing across the installation to provide better living conditions for single soldiers.

The Armed Service YMCA has programs that cater to families, single soldiers and single soldier parents.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Directorate of Community Activities, offers the soldier a myriad of activities and programs to participate in.

Name: Better Opportunities for Single Soldier

(BOSS) Program

POC: SPC Dunn-Moodie
Address: "The BOSS Matrix"

Bldg 2408, Chaffee Road

City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916

**Phone:** (915) 568-6556

FAX: (915) 568-0000 DSN Phone: 978-6556

E-Mail: BOSS@emh10.bliss.army.mil

#### **Comments:**

- \* Addressing Quality of Life issues for Single Soldiers
- \* Community Service special Events for Single Soldiers
- \* Internet Services
- \* Video Games

## **Support Groups**

For more information on this subject:

Community Support Links

http://rgfn.epcc.edu/community/index.html

There are a wide variety support groups for our military families. There are support groups for specialized needs on and off post. Please refer to the listings below for days, times and places of various groups.

Name: Alcoholics Anonymous

**POC:** Central office

**Address:** 3330 Douglas Ave

**City:** El Paso, TX **Phone:** (915) 562-4081

## **Comments:**

Regular work hours at the central office are 0800 - 1700 hrs Monday

- Friday, 0900 - 1400 hrs Sat. A 24 hour help line, manned by volunteers is available, at the noted phone number. Various groups meet at different times throughout El Paso.

Name: Al-Anon: Alateen: Al - A - Kid
POC: Information Center
Address: 3330 Douglas Ave.
City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 562-4083

**Comments:** 

24 hour help line.

Name: Child Crisis Center of El Paso

Address: 2100 N Stevens St.

**City:** El Paso, TX **Phone:** (915) 562-7955

**Comments:** 

24 hour of operation.

Organization deals with abused and abandoned children.

Name: Community Mental Health

Address: WBAMC, Bradley Building, 4th Floor

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX **Phone:** (915) 569-4781

**Comments:** 

Trouble line call 569-2916

Name: Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Control

Program (ADAPCP) **Address:** Bldg 49 **City:** Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-7011/1033

## Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

For more information on this subject: Fort Bliss MWR

http://www.blissmwr.com

MWR Activities on Fort Bliss are alive and well with state of the art facilities. There is something for everyone.

Fort Bliss maintains four well-equipped physical fitness centers on main post and one at McGregor Range. All facilities offer a wide variety of programs and facilities for recreation as well as physical training.

The Family and Recreation Division (FRD) operates two swimming pools on Fort Bliss and one at McGregor Range. Replica Aquatic Center, an indoor pool, is available year round. A children's water park is available on Biggs Field. The Community Pool is located at the Officer's Club, bldg 251, is open to all ID card holders.

The George V. Underwood, Jr. Golf Complex is one of the finest courses in the Southwest, consisting of 2 separate 18 hole courses. A wide variety of facilities including a clubhouse, locker rooms, snack bars, restaurant, practice putting greens, a driving range, and a well stocked and supplied pro shop and open every day except Monday.

Individual and group golf lessons are available from a PGA approved golf professional at nominal fees. Single and family green fees are available to active duty and retired military of all ranks on a monthly, semi-annual and annual basis in addition to daily green fee play.

The golf course also maintains a large fleet of golf carts for rent, and computerized handicap service is provided at nominal fees.

Fort Bliss boasts a spacious 52-lane bowling center which is available to accommodate bowling activities for the entire family. The center features state-of-the-art automatic scorers and synthetic lanes which are available for league and open bowling. Bowling balls and shoes are available for rent at nominal fees. The bowling center is located in building 2949 adjacent to the Omar Bradley Sports Complex.

At Fort Bliss there is no lack of outdoor recreation facilities for soldiers and their families.

Biggs Park is located on Biggs Field. The newly renovated park includes: a large battalion size pavilion, smaller family size pavilions, basketball courts, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, running track; and a multi-purpose softball/soccer field. The existing children's water playground completes Biggs Park. Call (915)568-8087/1987 for further information.

Kelly Park has picnic areas, a softball field, sand volleyball courts, a football and soccer field, putt-putt golf, and playground area. For further information or reservations call (915) 568-1987.

The Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Facility offers a variety of activities for the hunting and fishing enthusiast. The facility includes several types of rifle, pistol, archery, skeet and trap ranges, a pro shop, restaurant, lounge, meeting room and a club information center. Turkey shoots and special events highlight the many

other activities throughout the year. For further information contact (915) 568-2983.

The Fort Bliss Automotive Center facility and Auto Parts are co-located in building 820 on Holbrook Street. The Auto Craft shop is a dual service shop; U-Fix-It and garage repair service on an appointment basis, and can accommodate RVs. Services offered include Texas State Auto inspection, alignments, AC service and repair, tune-ups, oil changes, clutch and brake repairs, etc.

The Centennial NCO Banquet Facility, located on Biggs Field, premiers a 60,000 square foot facility offering dining and entertainment at its finest. The Centennial features a ballroom with a seating capacity to accommodate over 1,200 guests in a single function, making functions and parties an enjoyable experience. The ballroom converts into eight separate function areas which are designed to accommodate a multitude of events at any time from weddings to retirement ceremonies to private functions. The Centennial Grill offers reasonable prices for casual dining. Club Metro, located in the basement of the Centennial, offers a variety of music. For more information, call (915) 562-5969.

Name: Auto Repair Center

Address: Bldg 820 City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-7280/1172

#### **Comments:**

Hobby shop and bays available for self service repairs; including bays for RV repair, full service auto repair, state vehicle and emission inspection.

Name: Fort Bliss Bowling Center

Address: 2949 Carter Rd City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-6272/1685

## **Comments:**

52 lanes, full line pro shop, bowling leagues available for men, women, and children. Children's play room, billiards and game room, lounge, and meeting room.

Pro-Shop (915) 568-7974

Name: Information, Ticketing, and Registration

(ITR)

**Address:** Bldg 1743 Victory Ave

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX **Phone:** (915) 568-7506

#### **Comments:**

Ticketmaster outlet, concert tickets, Dillard's Ticket outlet, amusement park tickets and information on all area attractions.

Name: Kelly Park

Address: Bldg 1986, Marshall Road

City: Fort Bliss, TX

## **Comments:**

Basketball Court, Volleyball Courts, Horseshoe pits, Softball field, Picnic areas, Pavilions, Playground, and Putt-putt golf,

Name: Lock & Leave Storage

Address: Building 1177 City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-8321

#### **Comments:**

24 hour access to storage facility. 472 units with 9 different sizes.

Name: Logan Heights Gym

**Address:** Building 4797

City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-7318/7518/3135

Name: MWR Office - Family and Recreation

Division

Address: Building 11
City: Fort Bliss, TX
Phone: (915) 568-3500

## **Comments:**

Please visit the Fort Bliss MWR website at the attached link.

Name: McGregor Range Gym

Address: Building 9465 City: McGregor Range, NM Phone: (915) 569-9381/9553 Name: Mickelsen Library

POC: Ms. Sharon Wilber, Chief Librarian

Address: Bldg 2, East Wing Basement on Sheridan

Road

City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-6156/1654

**FAX:** (915) 568-5754

#### **Comments:**

No limit to book checked out. Reference service available. Inter library loans and a children's section.

#### Hours:

Tuesday 1230 - 1650 Wed & Thu 1000 - 1750 Fri & Sat 1000 - 1650

Name: Mitchell W. Stout Gym

Address: Building 2930 City: Fort Bliss, TX Phone: (915) 568-2983

Name: Officers' Club
Address: Building 250
City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 562-2040/2738

#### **Comments:**

One of the more historic buildings on Fort Bliss, dating to the days of General "Black Jack Pershing", the O'Club overlooks El Paso and the old Polo Fields. The O'Club offers banquet facilities/catering; check cashing; dining & beverage services; entertainment; tennis courts.

Name: Omar Bradley Softball Complex

Address: Bldg 2968 City: Fort Bliss, TX Phone: (915) 568-2968

## **Comments:**

Four-field softball complex, bating cages, leagues, tournaments and playground.

Name: RV Park

Address: Bldg 4130, Corner of Ellerthorpe &

Gerlich in Logan Hts
City: Fort Bliss, TX
Phone: (915) 568-0106

Name: Recycle Center Address: Bldg 1336 City: Fort Bliss, TX Phone: (915) 568-2983

#### **Comments:**

\* Glass \* Tin cans

\* mixed paper

Name: Replica Aquatic Center

Address: Bldg 5035
City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-7431/5380

#### **Comments:**

Olympic size indoor pool with swimming lessons available.

Name: Ronald D. Milam Physical Fitness Center

Address: Building 2499
City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-7318/7518

#### **Comments:**

The Ronald D. Milam Physical Fitness Center, formerly Center Gym, was renamed October 1, 2002 in honor of an Air Defense Artillery Officer whose life was claimed at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

Name: The Framing Corner

Address: Bldg 1310 City: Fort Bliss, TX Phone: (915) 568-5563

## **Comments:**

Custom framing, instruction on framing, stivers prints for sale, catalogs to order prints and do it yourself framing on Friday and Saturdays.

Name: The Golden Tee

Address: Bldg 3191, 3200 Coe Ave

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX **Phone:** (915) 562-3559

Name: Travel Office - Carlson Wagonlit Travel

**Address:** 3 locations see below

City: Fort Bliss, TX
Phone: see below

**Comments:** 

Building 1743: 566-9981

Main Office

Building 504A 566-4488

Beaumont AMC 564-0892

Name: Underwood Golf Complex

**Address:** Building 3191, Coe Ave., Logan Heights

City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 562-1273 or 562-2066

**Comments:** 

Driving range, golf lessons for adults and children.

Choice of two 18-hole courses.

## **Chapel Services and Programs**

For more information on this subject: Local Religious services http://www.elpasotexas.com/epsrvcs.htm#churches

El Paso has over 348 synagogues and churches representing more than 60 denominations for the entire family.

Fort Bliss also offers many denominations. Post Chapels offer services for Catholic Mass, Protestant Service, Jewish Service, Gospel Service, Pentecostal Service, Islam Prayer, Muslim TA'ALEEM, Youth and Adult religious study, and choirs. Protestant and Catholic services are also available in German.

For further information regarding what is offered please contact the Center Staff Chaplain's office located in building 112 on Pershing Road, commercial (915) 568-1519/3194 or DSN 978-1519/3194.

## **Drug and Alcohol**

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program (ADAPCP) conducts education and awareness programs, urinalysis pre-screening, and rehabilitation counseling services for active duty personnel. Retirees can be seen by the Veterans Administration Substance Abuse Treatment Program

located at the ADAPCP. Family members will be referred to appropriate services.

DA civilian employees may receive assistance via the Employee Assistance Program. An Alcoholics Anonymous meeting is held at 3 p.m. every Thursday.

The facility is located in buildings 48 and 49 on main post.

Name: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and

Control Program

**Address:** Building 48 and 49

City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-0663

**Comments:** 

Hours of operation 0730 - 1630 hrs, Monday -

Friday

## **Legal Assistance**

For more information on this subject: Pro Bona (Free) Legal Services in El Paso http://www.abanet.org/legalserv/probono/pbtexas.html

The Legal Assistance Office provides legal counseling and guidance to active duty and retired military personnel and their family members free of charge.

Services provided by the office cover the full spectrum of civil law, will and estates, and landlord/tenant law. Legal Assistance attorneys can only give legal advice, and cannot represent clients in civilian court proceedings.

A listing of Texas and El Paso Pro Bona (free) legal assistance agencies is provided on the attached website

Name: Staff Judge Advocate and Legal Assistance

Office

**Address:** Building 113

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX **Phone:** (915) 568-4704

#### **Comments:**

Hours of operation 0830 - 1130 and 1300 - 1630 hrs, Monday - Friday.

Clients are seen by appointment.

Notary public service is provided on a walk-in basis from 0830 - 1130 hrs, Monday - Friday.

## **Child And Teen Services**

## **Child and Teen Services Overview**

For more information on this subject: Fort Bliss Youth and Children Services http://www.bliss.army.mil/services/mwr/Mwryout.ht m

Fort Bliss Youth Services Program has a variety of athletic, cultural, social, developmental, educational and recreational programs that provide wholesome leisure time activities. All youth ages 6-18 are invited to become members. Children under the age of 6 are welcome to participate in activities when accompanied by their parents.

Programs are offered at three facilities:

The main center is the YouthPlex, Bldg 195, Chaffee Rd; (915) 568-KIDS

A large multi-use center with a full gymnasium, youth lounge, computer room, project room, dance room, game room, teen lounge, a full snack bar, playground and multi-use sports field.

Logan Youth Center, Bldg 3508, Ellerthorpe Rd,(915) 568-TEEN.

A smaller multi-use center located in the Logan Heights housing area. Consists of a lounge, game room, dance room, art room, teen room, computer room, snack bar, playground and multi-use sports field.

Logan Heights Physical Fitness Center, Bldg 4797, Ellerthorpe Rd, (915) 568-1958.

This facility serves as a fitness center and hospital rehab for soldiers and family members during the day and for youth services programs in the the evenings and weekends. Instructional classes such as gymnastics and Tae-Kwon-Do are held here as well as teen programs such as basketball.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Youth Services membership process is simple and only costs \$20.00 per year for the entire family. You are required to have the family member's Social Security card, birth certificates, shot records and one form filled out. Membership assistance is available from donations from the Officer's, Civilian and Spouse's Assocations. Teen members can volunteer for their membership with 16 hours of volunteer work and are covered for the entire year.

## SPORTS:

A year round sports program is offered. These sports include soccer, basketball, t-ball and other seasonal sports. A nominal fee is charged per season.

#### INSTRUCTIONAL:

A variety of instructional classes are offered for all ages, such as gymnastics, Tae-Kwon-Do, Hopikido, Jujitsu, ballet, tap and jazz. Our professional instructors offer classes for the beginner to the very advanced. An additional fee is required.

#### COMPUTERS:

Full computer labs are available at the main center and Logan Heights Center. These labs offer state of the art computer systems with the latest technology. Computer literacy classes are offered for adults and youth. Homework assistance is available after school and on weekends.

#### SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Many special projects are available after school and on weekeneds. Projects include arts and crafts, leather, plaster, chemistry and various science projects.

#### **RECREATIONAL EVENTS:**

Weekends and summers offer a wide variety of events to include, white water rafting, hiking, backpacking, rappelling, skiing and much more. With these events come a geography lesson. Trips to Disneyland, Sea World, Universal Studios, Johnson Space Center and other locations are also featured.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS:

Many special events are offered including, teen an pre-teen dances, lock-ins, pool parties, bowling, shopping, barbeques, and horseback riding are just a few

#### TEEN PROGRAMS:

Teen council is an active teen group that is always looking for new members. They hold their own dances and other special events. They also conduct fund raisers to assist in the cost of special trips. Work Force Prep - is to prepare teens for the working world. How to write a resume, filling out job applications and dressing appropriately. Career days are available in the area as well. Charter Counts is a program to help build individual character. It focuses on personal and family values. Helps boost self esteem and confidence. Social and emotional skills are also emphasized.

#### SCHOOL AGE SERVICES:

The School Age Services Program is sponsored by the Child Development Services. The program itself is located at Youth Services. For more information regarding this program please call (915) 568-0834 or 568-5689.

If you need more information please contact us the Youth Services.

Director	(915)	568-2908
DSN	978-2908	
FAX	(915)568-1841	e-mail
kids@emh10.bliss	s.army.mil	
blisskids@pathfin	dermail.com	

#### **New Parent Program**

Community Services Center Family Advocacy program (FAP) offers parent education and parent aide programs. For more information for upcoming classes please call (915) 568-0768/1343.

## **Child Care Programs - on Installation**

For more information on this subject: Ft. Bliss Child Care Info http://www.blissmwr.com/BlissKIDS/CDS.htm

Child Development Services (CDS) provides a multitude of child care services at two Child

Development Centers (CDC); CDC East (bldg 1730), located behind the Fort Bliss Commissary; and the new CDC (bldg 3500), located within the Logan Heights housing area. Additional services are available at the Fort Bliss School and in certified family child care quarters throughout Fort Bliss. Services offered are weekly and hourly child care; before/after school care for kindergarten children; before/after school care for first through sixth grade children; preschool programs; and a kindergarten class. In addition, Family Child Care (FCC) provides extended hours and child care for field duty and TDY.

#### TYPES OF CARE AVAILABLE

Weekly Care: Care for children 6 weeks-6 years (includes kindergarten children) on a regular basis Monday through Friday is provided at both CDS East and CDS West. A long waiting list exists for infants. The weekly program is for families requiring care because of needing child care for employment/school.

Hourly Care: Care for children 6 weeks to 12 years on an irregular, hourly basis is provided at CDS East. Preschool/kindergarten classes for Preschool: children 3 to 5 years of age are provided during the school year (Sep through May). For more information call 568-4374. Schoolage Care: Regular, weekly care for schoolage children first grade and older is provided before and after school, during school breaks and during summer vacation. Planned activities such as fun at Kelly Park and sports keep us busy after school. We provide escort service to Travis, Bliss, Logan, Miliam, Hughey, Ross, and Assumption Schools. For more information please call 568-4374/4429.

Shool Age Care: is located at the Youth Plex. For further information please call (915) 568-5689.

Family Child Care: Quarters-based Family Child Care FCC) services within certified homes offers a family atmosphere with a limited number of children, flexible hours and the capability of addressing special needs. FCC special purpose homes meet the needs of families requiring unique child care services. Included are extended hour homes which provide child care options for those parents who require routine evening child care, who work unusual or long hours, or have mission related child care needs that require child care service up to or in excess of 24 hours. This service meets the needs of dual and single service members needing child care at times the Center is not open. In addition civilians working

on Fort Bliss are authorized to utilize FCC. For further information, call 568-4198.

Fees: The Military Child Care Act requires DOD to prescribe uniform fee regulations for military child development centers. The fees are based on total family income and apply to all children who attend on a regular basis. The fee ranges are updated annually. Monthly fees for full time child care range from \$158 to \$340. 20% discounts are offered for additional children. Half day fees range from \$95 per month to \$204 per month. Before and after school care fees range from \$31 to \$78. Hourly fees range from \$1.20 to \$1.50 per hour per child.

The Family Child Care Program was implemented in June 1986 to establish a partnership between Child Development Services, parents, and child care providers to improve in-home care. Prior to the Family Child Care Program, no agency monitored the child care being provided in quarters on Fort Bliss. Within the partnerships created by FCC/CDS, we hope to enhance communication between parents and caregivers and help ensure that your children are cared for in a nurturing, safe and developmentally sound environment.

Family Child Care providers are not babysitters. They are adults over the age of 18 who have expressed the desire to care for children and to be certified by the Fort Bliss Child Development Services through the Family Child Care office. The training required to be a provider consists of classes in Army Regulation 608-10, Child Growth and Development, Child Guidance, Safety, Fire Prevention, Food Safety, Menu Planning, Daily Activities, Administering Medication, Childhood Diseases, Contracts, Running a Small business, Child Abuse Prevention, working with Parents, observing at the Day Care Center, Observing at an FCC home, Infant Care, Learning Centers, First Aid and CPR.

The Family Child Care office is responsible for ensuring that all Family Child Care providers meet all requirements outlined in AR 608-10 and Fort Bliss SOPs. The staff provides training classes, workshops, and a provider newsletter, which contains a page for parents. This page should be posted in the provider's home. The FCC office maintains a referral list of child care openings. Parents must first register through the Child Development Services system. A copy of the same paperwork that was filled out at the Center will then be taken to the selected provider. All parents should contact the FCC office by phone (568-4198) to inform us who has been selected. If there are complaints, please notify the office, and

they will be investigated immediately. Currently there are between 55 and 65 certified FCC providers on Fort Bliss, located in 10 housing areas.

Child care for unit functions can be provided by contacting the Child Development Center at (915) 568-5689/4429.

Name: Child Development Center

Address: Bldg 1730 City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-5689

#### **Comments:**

Hours of operation 0530-1730 Monday - Thursday, Friday 0530-0001 and Saturday 1300-0001.

## **Child Care Programs - Community**

There are numerous programs and child care services in the El Paso area with a wide emphasis on religion, education and enrichment. Price range varies as does the programs.

Consult the phone directory for listings of day care facilities.

## Things To Do - Clubs and Social

For more information on this subject: Fort Bliss Youth Services http://www.bliss.army.mil/services/mwr/Mwryout.ht m

Fort Bliss Youthplex has a variety of programs:

- \* Teen Programs
- \* Variety of Instructional Classes
- \* Youth Development
- \* Computer Classes
- \* Leisure and recreation
- \* Youth sports leagues
- \* School age services

Name: Boy Scouts of America

Address: 7601 Lockheed

City: El Paso, TX

**Phone:** (915) 772-2292

#### **Comments:**

On Fort Bliss alone there are 2 packs for 1st grade - 4th grade, 3 troops for 5th grade - high school. The above number is the main Boy Scout number and they will direct you based upon your residents.

Name: Boys and Girls Club of El Paso

Address: 801 South Florence

**City:** El Paso, TX **Phone:** (915) 532-7410

#### Comments:

This program is geared to children ages 6 - 17 years of age.

Name: Girl Scouts Rio Grande Council

Address: 3214 East Yandell

**City:** El Paso, TX **Phone:** (915) 566-9433

#### Comments:

There are 26 troops located on Fort Bliss ranging form kindergarten to high school.

Name: YMCA Northeast Branch

**Address:** 5509 Will Ruth **City:** El Paso, TX 79924 **Phone:** (915) 755-5685

Name: YWCA

Address: 9135 Stahala Drive

**City:** El Paso, TX 79924 **Phone:** (915) 757-0306

Name: Youth Plex

Address: Building 195, Chaffee Road

City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-5437/5495

## **Things To Do - Recreation and Sports**

For more information on this subject: Fort Bliss MWR Adventure TRAXX http://www.blissmwr.com/BlissKIDS/TRAXX.htm

Check out the MWR Adventure TRAXX website to see the MANY MANY MANY!!! opportunities the El Paso area holds for Youths, Teens, and even Adults!!!

Name: Youth Plex

Address: Building 195, Chaffee Foad

City: Fort Bliss, TX

**Phone:** (915) 568-KIDS (5437)

### **Schools**

For more information on this subject: Fort Bliss Homepage http://www.bliss.army.mil

There are three elementary schools located on Fort Bliss property. Off post, there are three elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school which serves the Fort Bliss community. Transportation to off post schools is provided by busing. All these schools are part of the El Paso Independent School District. Personnel living off post should be aware there are also four other school districts in the El Paso area. Personnel living in the area other than that designated as part of the El Paso Independent School district are required by law to send their children to the school district designated for that area.

Please refer to the education section of this book for more detailed information.

The Ft. Bliss homepage provides links to all local school districts.

## **School Age Care**

For more information on this subject: Fort Bliss School Age Services http://www.blissmwr.com/BlissKIDS/SAS.htm

Check out the School Age Services website for detailed info on all the available services!

Fort Bliss and surrounding area provide a wide variety of options to the parents for school age care.

On base School age care is available for grades 1-8. Bus service is provided from most of the local schools servicing the Installation. Fees are based on current DOD structure. The programs include tutoring, computer Lab, Recreation and Instructional Activities.

Consult the local phone directory for listings of community activities.

Name: Fort Bliss School Age Services

Address: Bldg 3508

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX 79916 **Phone:** (915) 568-8336/1295 **DSN Phone:** 978-8336/1295

E-Mail: KingwellJ@bliss.army.mil

**Comments:** 

School Age Services

Bldg. 3508, 915-568-8336/1295

Supervised after school youth programs structured to develop life skills, such as team building and social interaction. Tutoring for school-age children provided by certified teachers and interactive educational computer software. For grades 1-6.

Hours of Operation: (Youthplex and Logan Youth Center) Mon-Fri 2:45-6pm

E-mail School Age Services at KingwellJ@bliss.army.mil

## **Religious Programs**

For more information on this subject: El Paso Religious Activities http://www.elpasotexas.com/epsrvcs.htm#churches

El Paso has over 348 synagogues and churches representing more than 60 denominations for the entire family.

Fort Bliss also offers many denominations. Post Chapels offer services for Catholic Mass, Protestant Service, Jewish Service, Gospel Service, Pentecostal Service, Islam Prayer, Muslim TA'ALEEM, Youth and Adult religious study, and choirs. Protestant and Catholic services are also available in German.

For further information regarding what is offered please contact the Center Staff Chaplain's office located in building 112 on Pershing Road, commercial (915) 568-1519/3194 or DSN 978-1519/3194.

## **Special Events**

For more information on this subject: Fort Bliss Youth Services http://www.bliss.army.mil/services/mwr/Mwryout.ht m The Youth Plex offers exciting year round activities and events for all ages. The schedule of trips and events change regulary. Stop by the Youth Plex located at building 195, Chaffee Road or call (915) 568-KIDS.

## **Sponsorship and Support**

For more information on this subject: Military Brats On-Line http://militarybrats.com/brats/

Fort Bliss has a Youth Sponsorship Program in place. You can email a request for a youth sponsor to JKINGWELL@EMH10.BLISS.ARMY.MIL

For additional support and sponsorship info, please visit the attached website to view Military Brats On-Line.

If you are interested in hooking up with a kid or kids of your age group contact Cathy Summerlin at the Youth Plex, (915) 568-3290.

**Name:** Adult Sponsorship (Servicemember and Family members)

#### **Comments:**

Please see sponsorship information under "Installation Overview in the beginning of the Fort Bliss SITES file.

## **Youth Employment**

For more information on this subject: CPAC NAF Jobs on Fort Bliss http://www.bliss.army.mil/services/cpac/open.htm

Career concepts opens the business world to younger adults. Students in grade 7 - 12 can gain experience in a variety of work situations, including a youth entrepreneurial company and money management program. Job search skills, resume preparation and career opportunities are all a part of career concepts. Contact the Youthplex (915) 568-5437/5495.

The post commissary employs youth ages 15 and up for bagging groceries. They work solely for tips given by the patron. Applications may be obtained at the commissary.

Summer teen hiring on Fort Bliss is contingent on budgetary constraints.

DCA offers a "Hire a Teen" program for teens interested in doing yard work and small household jobs.

#### **Youth Centers**

For more information on this subject: Fort Bliss Youth Services http://www.blissmwr.com/BlissKIDS/YSIndex.htm

Check out our YS homepage. The Ft. Bliss YS Programs are designed to provide opportunities for education, exercise, and enjoyment in a safe and healthy environment.

Fort Bliss has a very active youth services program. It offers a wide variety of instructional classes, teen programs, youth development, computer classes, leisure and recreation, youth sport leagues and school age services. The main Youthplex is located at Bldg 195, Chaffee Road, Fort Bliss. (915) 568-5437/5495.

Name: Logan Youth Center

**Address:** Building 3508 **City:** Fort Bliss, TX 79916 **Phone:** (915) 568-8336/1295

**Comments:** 

Mon-Fri: 1600-2000 Sat: 1300-2000

Name: YouthPlex

Address: Building 195 Chaffee Road

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX 79916 **Phone:** (915) 568-KIDS (5437)

Comments: Hours:

Mon-Fri: 1600-2000 Sat: 1300-2000

Teen time

Fri-Sat: 2000-2200

SAS Hours:

Mon-Fri: 1445-1800

Administration Mon-Fri: 1300-1900

## **For Teens Only**

For more information on this subject:

Ft. Bliss "Teens Only"

http://www.blissmwr.com/BlissKIDS/TEENS.htm

Fort Bliss teens that are ID card holders are invited to become active members in the Youth Services program by participating in any of the programs and activities listed. Fort Bliss Youthplex has a variety of programs:

- \* Teen Programs
- \* Variety of Instructional Classes
- \* Youth Development
- \* Computer Classes
- \* Leisure and recreation
- \* Youth sports leagues
- \* School age services

Please visit the attached website to view "Military Teens on the Move"

Name: Ft. Bliss Teens Schedule of Events

#### WWW Link:

http://www.blissmwr.com/BlissKIDS/TEENS1.htm

#### **Comments:**

This link will provide you with the current schedule of events for "Teens Only", plus links to other teen related MWR facilities. CHECK IT OUT! :^)

Name: Youth Plex

Address: Building 195, Chaffee Street

**City:** Fort Bliss, TX **Phone:** (915) 568-5437

## WWW Link:

http://www.blissmwr.com/BlissKIDS/YSIndex.htm

#### **Comments:**

Check out Youth Services through their website, providing info on their multitude of programs and services designed to provide meaningful entertainment, instruction, and enjoyment in a safe and healthy environment.

## **Survival Tips For First Termers**

## **Survival Tips for First Termers Overview**

Moving is like any other task you'll face in life there's a right way to do it. Doing it the right way makes a big difference. Moving is a big event. Everyone in the family is affected. It can be an enjoyable event. The reality of moving presents challenges BUT-- it also means the opportunities to travel, learn a new culture, making new friends and to grow professionally.

Relocation really can be an exciting and rewarding part of family life in the military.

- \* PLAN AHEAD
- \* KEEP A POSITIVE OUTLOOK
- \* INVOLVE EVERYONE
- \* KEEP THE LINE OF COMMUNICATION OPEN

Listed below are some "Survival Tips" to help you and your family as you face the challenges and opportunities of mobile military lifestyle. For the first termer it is good advice to read the sections that follows. It is very important to be financially prepared. First PCS entitlements are considerably We strongly less (TLE IS NOT PROVIDED). recommend calling your next duty station housing office and find out how long the waiting list will be. If the waiting time is short you may want to consider leaving the family behind until housing is available. The reason for this is the amount of money it will cost you to move into an apartment and to get established. Just as your getting settled, housing becomes available and you will need to start the process all over (THINK OF ALL THE MONEY YOU JUST WASTED!). If the family stays at home the spouse can save as much money as possible and when housing is available send for the family. They can move in and the transition will be less costly.

#### **Before You Move**

For more information on this subject: Premove Checklist http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/genmove.htm

Once the service member receives their orders, START THE PROCESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Start scheduling appointments such as household goods, passport, finance, and immunization.

Discuss the move with the family in a quiet and relaxed manor. Discuss fears and anxieties as well as all the positives.

Learn about your new duty station by contacting your local Community Services Relocation Program. A computer generated welcome packet is also available to you which is updated quarterly. This packet is known as SITES and can be printed up upon request.

Requesting a sponsor is a good plan of action. What is a sponsor? A sponsor is a service member similar to you in rank and family situation - who has volunteered to ease the transition process for new arrivals. As a rule, sponsors help you locate housing, day care and other services, assist you with the settling in process and make you feel more comfortable in your new surroundings. How to request a sponsor? Talk to your Army personnel office and ask for form DA Form 5434, Sponsor Request, and return it to your PAC.

Find out your new mailing address. Even if it is only your new unit you will need a forwarding address.

Send out changes of address letters to credit card companies, loan companies, magazines, banks, anyone who owes you money or a deposit refund etc. Go through the address book, your bills and financial papers from the past couple months. Make out a list of company addresses, telephone numbers, and account numbers. It is a good idea for you to invest in a good size brief case and hand carry all your important papers, unused checks, savings book, and other information that in the wrong hands could cause disaster.

TALK TO FINANCE ABOUT HOW MUCH travel pay, dislocation pay, and temporary housing allowance pay you will receive (DO NOT TRUST ADVICE FROM FELLOW SOLDIERS). It is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED to have a little tucked away for those little unexpected emergencies.

Before the packers arrive, get rid of all those things you no longer want or need. You'll only have to unpack it at the other end. Remember you have a weight and shipping allowance. Inspect the packers as they are packing. Keep all valuables with you.

Before you clear your quarters, contact the housing office about temporary lodging after you have moved out and your household goods have been picked up.

Make sure to pick up your children's school records and shot records. Also pick up their medical records. Carry all of these with you to your new duty station.

If you are in quarters make sure you clear quarters, or if in an apartment you have made arrangements to get security deposit back.

#### **After You Arrive**

Arrival at a new location doesn't mean the process is complete.

If you haven't already made arrangements, check with the installation's housing office located in building 504A or the billeting office in building 505.

Arrange to have household goods delivered when you have established a residence. The in-bound transportation office is located in building 505, the inprocessing center. If you did a DITY move, have your paperwork ready for settlement! If your household goods are delayed arriving at Ft. Bliss, the Community Services Lending Closet is located in building 505. When you inprocess with Community Services, you will be offered a Welcome Packet and assistance from the Lending Closet.

You will file your claims for travel with the finance office in building 505 as part of the inprocessing process.

When receiving your household goods make sure you have your inventory list and check each carton carefully. Encourage everyone to help unpack and make decorating decisions. Take advantage of resources such as Community Services or Family Support Center and or local place of worship. Get acquainted with your neighbors and community. Set aside family time.

Contact loved ones and let them know you have arrived.

## **Reporting Procedures**

Please review the inprocessing information listed under the "Must Know" section in the Installation Category for additional information on inprocessing procedures.

Listed below are reporting in procedures:

SUBJECT: Inprocessing at Fort Bliss

- 1. On behalf of the Commanding General, the soldiers and families of Fort Bliss, I welcome you to El Paso and West Texas. Upon arrival at Fort Bliss, personnel should report for in-processing at the building indicated in the records below.
- 2. On the weekends or after duty hours officers should report to building 505 or call billeting at 568-4888. Single enlisted soldiers should report to building 505. Married accompanied soldiers should report to the Ft. Bliss Inn, which is located in the main Post Exchange area, near Marshall and Fred

Wilson Roads. Reservations can be made by calling 565-7777.

- 3. Upon securing billeting after hours or on the weekend, in-processing for all permanent party enlisted soldiers begins at 0600 hours the next day at building 505. THE INPROCESSING UNIFORM IS BDUs. You will need the following documents: 201 file, Health and Dental Records, Leave Form, and 10 copies of PCS orders and amendments. If you have not previously check in at 505 upon your arrival, then report prior to 0600 to permit the staff time to prepare your paperwork for inprocessing.
- 4. Soldiers attending AIT due to reclassification should report to building 505 for billeting if arriving after duty hours.
- 5. At The Fort Bliss International Airport there is a military liaison person 24 hours. Contact the liaison for assistance.

#### **NCOIC**

Personnel Processing Center

## **Travel Planning**

For more information on this subject: Texas Department of Public Safety http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/

For current information on Texas Vehicle Inspections, Drivers Licence requirements, and Motorcycle Regulations, please visit the Texas Department of Public Safety at the attached website

#### \*\*\*\*PLEASE READ BELOW CAREFULLY.\*\*\*\*

Don't take or spend advance pay unless it is absolutely essential. You will pay it back by monthly deductions from your pay. So you will have less to live on each month until all of it is paid back. Don't take advance pay just to blow it on a car, vacation, stereo or something you just want. You will have alot of unexpected expenses.

\*\*\*\*\*Since finance has consolidated reimbursement will take longer, plan accordingly. Be even more cautious of considering a casual pay.\*\*\*\*\*

You are entitled to:

Dislocation Allowance and two months BAQ. You will not receive this until well after you arrive at your new post.

Travel Pay: this is mileage related, and is usually not paid until after your check in to the new post.

Plan ahead. SAVE SAVE SAVE!

## **Vehicle Ownership**

Vehicles that are shipped in or out of Fort Bliss are delivered/picked up by the service member in Dallas or New Orleans port. Arrangement must be made directly with them. For more info call (915) 568-1697/7845 or DSN 978-1697/7845.

#### BUYING A NEW CAR.

The first major purchase that most of us make is a car. We must use caution and care in our selection. The cost of buying and maintaining a car is a major portion of our budget. The car is usually purchased out of necessity and is a source of pride. It is also a source of affection.

Before you decide which car you are going to buy, decide how much you can spend for a loan if you are planning to borrow money to pay for it. This will help you to make the best financial decision and eliminate the possibility of "Falling in Love" with a car you cannot afford.

Visit Community Services Financial Management for budget assistance. Visit the credit union/bank to review the NADA Blue Book for value of the car you want to purchase.

Name: Kelly Blue Book

WWW Link: http://www.kbb.com

#### **Comments:**

The Kelly Blue Book provides information on the value of new and used cars, giving the buying a base of information to use when selecting or selling a car.

Name: Post Vehicle Registration

POC: 76th MP Bn
City: Fort Bliss, TX

#### WWW Link:

http://www.bliss.army.mil/aboutfb/mps/traffic.htm#

#### **Comments:**

This link to the 76th MP Bn will provide the information you need on vehicle, weapons, and bicycle registration.

Name: Texas Vehicle Registration Requirements

#### WWW Link:

http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver\_licensing\_control/dlindex.htm

#### **Comments:**

This website belongs to the Texas Dept of Public Safety and will provide the requirements you need for registering your vehicle in Texas.

## **Housing and Billeting**

For more information on this subject:

**PCS House Express** 

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Family Housing at Fort Bliss is available to all grades. However, there is a waiting time that varies from one week to several months. Housing for personnel in the ranks of PVT to PFC is limited. Normally a 2 bedroom has the longest waiting period. Service members returning from a hardship tour have priority, again, there may be at times a short waiting period.

El Paso has a number of apartment complexes within reasonable distance of the installation. Apartment guides are available at the Relocation Assistance Office in building 505 and the housing office building 504.

In order to assist incoming personnel permanently assigned to Fort Bliss, the post has the Community Housing Referral Office (CHRRS) which provides relocation and referral services and maintains up-to-date information on many apartments and rental houses in the local community. The office also provides information on homes for sale. The CHRRS office is immediately adjacent to the Housing Office, building 504A, (915) 568-2892/7687 or DSN 978-2891/4731, Monday - Friday 0800 - 1630.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON PCS ORDERS AND AR 210-50, ALL SOLDIERS MUST REPORT TO THE LOCAL HOUSING REFERRAL OFFICE (BUILDING 504A), (915)568-2898, DSN 978-2898 BEFORE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR OFF-POST HOUSING.

Name: Billeting **POC:** Reservations Address: Building 1744 Victory Avenue City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916 **Phone:** (915) 565-7777 1-800-723-8130 **DSN Phone:** DSN 978-6078 **Comments:** Effective 13 June, the Fort Bliss Inn and the Billetiing office will be co-located at the Inn.

Name: Housing Office
POC: On Post Housing
Address: Building 504A
City: Fort Bliss, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 568-2991
<b>DSN Phone:</b> DSN 978-2991

Name: Housing Office
POC: Off Post
Address: Building 504A
City: Fort Bliss, TX
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 568-2898/4731
<b>DSN Phone:</b> DSN 978-2898/4731

## **Money Matters**

For more information on this subject: **PCS** Entitlements

http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/genent.htm

Please visit to attached website to review your PCS financial entitlements.

Community Services Center provides the military community with financial assistance/counseling through the Financial Management Program.

Our program focuses on improving the soldier's personal finances. Basic prevention education classes are provided for soldiers and family members in personal financial readiness and money management.

This service provides guidance and information in the development of budgets for future stability and growth to manage personal income. Through this program, we are able to provide individual budgets tailored to meet each client's specific need. Financial Management is available to conduct the following briefing/training for your unit, family support group, or other organizations:

- a. Checkbook Management
- b. Credit Management
- c. Financial Readiness Our services are available to soldiers of all ranks, family members, retirees, and their family members, DOD civilians, and widows of service members. We are located in building 2494, Ricker Road, (915)568-1736/3709.

Name: Consumer Credit Counseling
Service/YWCA
Address: Community Services
Building 2494 Ricker Road
City: Fort Bliss, TX 79916
<b>Phone:</b> (915) 568-3503
<b>FAX:</b> (915) 568-4357
<b>DSN Phone:</b> 978-3503
<b>DSN FAX:</b> 978-4357
Comments:
CCCS offers Fort Bliss soldiers and their families:

**Budget and Credit Counseling** 

Debt Managemetn

Money Management & Credit Education Classes at

no charge

## At A Glance

## **Facility/Services Summary**

Officer and Enlisted Population			
Active Duty Officer	1916	Active Duty Warrant Officer	165
Guard Reserve Officer	56	Guard Reserve Warrant Officer	0
Retired (Officer and Enlisted)	14717	Foreign Service Officers	70
Active Duty Enlisted	10298	Guard Reserve Enlisted	260
Foreign Service Enlisted	168		
	Civ	rilians	
Civil Service	6347	Wage Grade	0
Non-Appropriated Funds	0	Family Members -on and off Installation-	14502
	Family	Services	
Family Centers	1	Teen Centers	2
Child Day Care	2	Family Child Care Certified Homes	30
Total Child Capacity	592	Total Child Capacity	180
Average Waiting List Time -Months-	6		
Other Services			
Commissary	1	Exchanges	2
Shoppettes	5	Gas Stations	3
Movie Theaters	1	Banks and Credit Unions	3
McDonalds/Burger King	3	Other i.e. Exchange concessionaires	37

## **Housing Summary**

Officer Housing			
Senior Officer Waiting	12	Senior Officer 3 Bed Room	20
Senior Officer 4 Bed Room	63	Senior Officer Other	0
Company Grade Officer Waiting	2	Company Grade Officer 2 Bed Room	0
Company Grade Officer 3 Bed Room	259	Company Grade Officer 4 Bed Room	10
Company Grade Officer Other	0	BOQ	833
Enlisted Housing			
Senior Enlisted Waiting	0	Senior Enlisted 3 Bed Room	200
Senior Enlisted 4 Bed Room	100	Senior Enlisted Other	0
Enlisted Waiting	0	Enlisted 2 Bed Room	697
Enlisted 3 Bed Room	1553	Enlisted Other	36
BEQ	833	Transient Lodging Facilities	2

# **Education Summary**

Name	Numbers
Elementary School	3
Jr High/Middle School	0
High School	0

# **Local Community Summary**

Type of Housing	Avg.	Low	High
Apartment Rent	550	400	850
House Rent	650	550	1300
House Price - Single Family	80	50	200
Townhouse/Condominium Price	45	40	75

# **Medical and Dental Summary**

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Medical Facilities								
Medical Treatment Facilities	Y	Number of Beds	330	Medical Clinic	1			
Alcohol	Y	Allergy	Y	Audiology	Y			
Cardiology	Y	Coronary care	Y	Dermatology	Y			
Dietary	Y	Emergency	Y	Endocrinology	Y			
		room						
Family Practice	Y	General surgery	Y	Gynecology	Y			
HIV Unit	Y	Hematology	Y	Immunization	Y			
Infect Disease	Y	Intensive Care	Y	Laboratory	Y			
Mental Health	Y	Neonatal	Y	Nuclear Medicine	Y			
		Intensive Care						
		Unit						
Nephrology	Y	Neurology	Y	Neurosurgery	Y			
Obstetrics	Y	Oncology	Y	Opthamology	Y			
Optometry	Y	Orthopedics	Y	Otolarygnology	Y			
Pathology	Y	Pediatrics	Y	Physical Therapy	Y			
Podiatry	Y	Primary Care	Y	Radiology	Y			
Rheumatology	Y	Urology	Y					
Dental Facilities								
Dental Clinics	4	Adolescent	Y	Endodontics	Y			
General Dentistry	Y	Oral Surgery	Y	Orthodontics	Y			
Pedodontist	Y	Periodontics	Y					

## **Relocation and Support Services Summary**

Military Clubs							
Officers Club	1	Non-Commissioned Officers Club	0				
Enlisted Club	1						
Recreation							
Arts and Crafts	0	Automobile Hobby Centers					
Bowling Centers	1	Recreational Centers	4				
Libraries	1	Music and Theater Locations	1				
Physical Fitness/Sports							
9 Hole Golf Courses	0	18 Hole Golf Courses					
Gyms/Physical Fitness Centers	4	Jogging Paths					
Tennis Clubs/Courts	2	Tennis Courts - Lighted					
Swimming Pools - Public	3						
Nature/Outdoor Activities							
Outdoor Recreation Centers		Campgrounds					
Fishing Areas		Horse Stables 1					

## **APPENDIX**

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